



COURSE SYLLABUS

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COURSE: PHI 215 PHILOSOPHICAL ISSUES

HOURS: Lecture: 3 Lab/Shop: 0 Work Exp/Clinical: 0 Credits: 3

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course is an introduction to some of the fundamental, classical issues in philosophy as well as some topics of direct importance to contemporary life. Students will be exposed to logical concepts and asked to apply them. The class will ask questions about truth, knowledge, justification, and belief. It will explore metaphysical issues including whether there are traits that all persons share, whether there is a God, and whether ghosts exist. It will also examine the meaning of human life, different kinds of love, what emotions are, and how our self-perception and desires are affected by the media and other social influences.

Note: This course has been approved for transfer under the CAA as a general education course in Humanities/Fine Arts. This course has been approved for transfer under the ICAA as a general education course in Humanities/Fine Arts.

PREREQUISITE(S): ENG 111

COREQUISITE(S): NONE

TEXTBOOK(S) & OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:

Open Educational Resources (OER) are listed in the course Moodle.

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Engage in critical thinking.
2. Identify, reconstruct, and evaluate philosophical arguments.
3. Analyze key philosophical concepts within epistemology, metaphysics, and logic.
4. Demonstrate an understanding of major philosophical views, and how they relate to contemporary issues.
5. Recognize the sub-disciplines of philosophy.
6. Read, understand, and evaluate classic and contemporary philosophical literature.
7. Identify and evaluate the effects of social influences on one's worldview and view of oneself.
8. Articulate traditional arguments for and against the existence of a God.
9. Identify theories of truth, ways of attaining knowledge, and know when one is justified in having a particular belief.
10. Develop and defend a more coherent worldview.

*****Please refer to the online version of the Richmond Community College Program & Course Catalog and the Student Handbook for current academic and general information.**