Introduction to Philosophy

PHI 2010

Course Description:

This course introduces some of the central problems in philosophy. Students also learn how to construct and criticize arguments and develop their own philosophical positions.

Course Learning Objectives (including liberal studies learning objectives assigned to the course):

By the end of the course, students will:

1. Summarize the different philosophical theories presented in the course.
2. Apply the skills learned to identify and assess objections to philosophical theories.
3. Identify, reconstruct, and evaluate philosophical arguments.
4. Evaluate various ethical positions.
5. Describe the ways in which historical, social, or cultural contexts shape ethical perspectives.

Grading Assignments:

Annotated Bibliography
Attendance and Participation
Discussion Board
Exams
In-Class Assignments
Journal
Papers
Presentations
Quizzes
Group Projects

LIBERAL STUDIES STATEMENT

This course has been approved to meet FSU’s Liberal Studies Ethics requirement and helps you become an ethically engaged citizen and a logical thinker.

By the end of this course, students will:

1. Evaluate various ethical positions.
2. Describe the ways in which historical, social, or cultural contexts shape ethical perspectives.

UNIVERSITY ATTENDANCE POLICY
Excused absences include documented illness, deaths in the family and other documented crises, call to active military duty or jury duty, religious holy days, and official University activities. These absences will be accommodated in a way that does not arbitrarily penalize students who have a valid excuse. Consideration will also be given to students whose dependent children experience serious illness.

ACADEMIC HONOR POLICY

The Florida State University Academic Honor Policy outlines the University's expectations for the integrity of students' academic work, the procedures for resolving alleged violations of those expectations, and the rights and responsibilities of students and faculty members throughout the process. Students are responsible for reading the Academic Honor Policy and for living up to their pledge to "...be honest and truthful and... [to] strive for personal and institutional integrity at Florida State University." (Florida State University Academic Honor Policy, found at http://fda.fsu.edu/Academics/Academic-Honor-Policy)

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

Florida State University (FSU) values diversity and inclusion; we are committed to a climate of mutual respect and full participation. Our goal is to create learning environments that are usable, equitable, inclusive, and welcoming. FSU is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for all persons with disabilities in a manner that is consistent with academic standards of the course while empowering the student to meet integral requirements of the course.

To receive academic accommodations, a student:
(1) must register with and provide documentation to the Office of Accessibility Services (OAS); (2) must provide a letter from OAS to the instructor indicating the need for accommodation and what type; and, (3) should communicate with the instructor, as needed, to discuss recommended accommodations. A request for a meeting may be initiated by the student or the instructor.

Please note that instructors are not allowed to provide classroom accommodations to a student until appropriate verification from the Office of Accessibility Services has been provided.

This syllabus and other class materials are available in alternative format upon request. For more information about services available to FSU students with disabilities, contact the

Office of Accessibility Services
874 Traditions Way
108 Student Services Building
Florida State University, Tallahassee, FL 32306-4167
(850) 644-9566 (voice) (850) 644-8504 (TDD)
oas@fsu.edu
https://dsst.fsu.edu/oas
ACADEMIC SUCCESS

Your academic success is a top priority for Florida State University. University resources to help you succeed include tutoring centers, computer labs, counseling and health services, and services for designated groups, such as veterans and students with disabilities. The following information is not exhaustive, so please check with your advisor or the Dean of Students office to learn more.

CONFIDENTIAL CAMPUS RESOURCES

Various centers and programs are available to assist students with navigating stressors that might impact academic success. These include the following:
Victim Advocate Program
University Center A, Room 4100
(850) 644-7161 Available 24/7/365
Office Hours: M-F 8-5
https://dsst.fsu.edu/vap

Counseling & Psychological Services
Askew Student Life Center, 2nd Floor
942 Learning Way
(850) 644-8255
https://counseling.fsu.edu/

University Health Services
Health and Wellness Center
(850) 644-6230
https://uhs.fsu.edu