



**GRANDE PRAIRIE REGIONAL COLLEGE  
DEPARTMENT OF ARTS EDUCATION AND COMMERCE**

**COURSE:** PH 1020: Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality  
3 credits, University Transfer

**INSTRUCTOR:** John O. Langenbach

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION:**

An introduction to the classical problems of philosophy through study and critical discussion of selected philosophical classics and contemporary works. Emphasis will be placed on questions of the nature and extent of human knowledge and classic problems about the nature of reality.

**COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

1. Introduce students to some of the most important ideas underlying Western thought in the areas of epistemology and metaphysics;
2. Improve student's ability to read and write analytically;
3. Improve student's ability to present strong argument; and
4. Encourage student's interest in original and creative thought.

**TEXTS:** Kolak & Martin, The Experience of Philosophy, Wadsworth, 3rd ed.  
Kolak & Martin, Wisdom without Answers, Wadsworth, 3rd ed.

**ASSIGNMENTS:**

Each student shall hand in four assignments, three of which must be formal essays of approximately 1500 words each. The fourth assignment may be either another essay or some original project approved by the instructor.

**GRADING CRITERIA:**

1. Individual assignments will be graded on a 1 to 9 stanine basis.
2. Course grades will be determined by averaging grades on each of the assignments.
3. Any student who is sincerely trying to do well on his or her assignments will be given rewrite opportunities. The final mark for a particular assignment will be that earned on the last draft of that assignment. Rewrites will be allowed for only those assignments handed in on the due date assigned.
4. Clarity of writing and quality of argumentation will determine the grades on all written assignments.

**SCHEDULE:** Please refer to detailed Daily Schedule.