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DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE AND EDUCATION

PH 1020
Introduction to Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality
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Lecture/No pre-requisites

Calendar Description

This is 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 and our place in it.

Content Description

We will consider classic philosophical problems related to human knowledge, the existence and nature of God, mind and its place in reality and concerns about determinism and freedom of the will. The methodology used will follow analytical practice: close attention will be paid to understanding the meaning of the concepts studied and philosophical positions will be tested against rigorous counter argument.

Texts

- Feinberg, Joel & Shafer-Landau, Russ, *Reason & Responsibility*, 11th edition (required)
- Martinich A.P., *Philosophical Writing: An Introduction*, 2nd edition (recommended)

Timeline

A detailed syllabus will be distributed on the first day of classes.

Evaluation

- 3 short journal assignments based on readings and due at the beginning of class5%
- 2 short papers.....25%
- 1 term paper.....30%
- Midterm Examination20%
- Final, registrar scheduled, Examination20%

Evaluation Policies

Late assignments will not be accepted. Extensions of assignment and paper deadlines will be considered *only* in the case of significant extenuating circumstances. Students are expected to begin work on assignments and papers from the day the assignment is given. Requests for extensions will not be considered on the day materials are due. Students requesting extensions may be asked to show evidence of work done prior to requesting an extension. Students in circumstances of extreme duress should notify the Instructor as soon as possible if they anticipate difficulty submitting their work on time.