

Phil 100-001 SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: PHIL-100-Introduction to Philosophy: Classics
CLASS SECTION: 001A & B
TERM: 2025F
COURSE CREDITS: 3
DELIVERY METHOD(S): Lectures and seminars, F2F

Camosun College respectfully acknowledges that our campuses are situated on the territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən (Songhees and Kosapsum) and WSÁNEĆ peoples. We honour their knowledge and welcome to all students who seek education here.

INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

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As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

An introduction to classical philosophical works concerning central philosophical issues such as the nature and possibility of knowledge, the existence of God, the nature of morality and justice, and the mind/body relationship.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of: C+ in English 12, or C in Camosun Alternative

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of the course the student will be able to:

1. Identify and describe fundamental philosophical problems, along with the classical philosophical answers to these problems.
2. Distinguish among various philosophical theories.
3. Identify key periods and concepts in the (philosophical) history of ideas.
4. Critically analyze an argument philosophically by identifying its premise and conclusion and by assessing its strengths and weaknesses.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

In addition to the required readings posted on D2L, there are three books, available at the Landsdowne Bookstore:

1. Plato. Five Dialogues: Euthypro, Apology, Crito, Meno, Phaedo 2nd Edition, Translated by G.M.A. Grube, Revised by John Cooper, Hackett Publishing Company, Inc., Indianapolis, 2002.
2. Descartes. Meditations & Other Metaphysical Writings, Translated by Desmond Clarke, Penguin Classics, London, 2003.
3. John Stuart Mill. On Liberty, Editor. Elizabeth Rapaport, Hackett Publishing Company, Inc. Indianapolis, 1978.

COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION

The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

DATE RANGE	Readings
Jan 6 -10	General Introduction Introduction to Plato
Jan 13 - 17	Plato's <i>Euthyphro</i>
Jan 20 - 24	Plato's <i>Apology</i> , Introduction to <i>Meno</i>
Jan 27 - 31	Plato's <i>Meno</i>
Feb 3 - 7	Exam One: Plato
Feb 10 - 14	Descartes' Meditation One and Two Objections & Replies (Hobbes, Gassendi)
Feb 17 - 21	Reading Break - No Classes
Feb 24 - 28	Descartes' Meditation Three and Four Objections & Replies (Mersenne, Gassendi)
Mar 3 - 7	Descartes' Meditation Five and Six Objection & Replies (Princess Elizabeth)
Mar 10 - 14	Exam Two: Descartes
Mar 17 - 21	Introduction to Mill, and Chapter One Additional Reading on D2L
Mar 24 - 28	Mill Chapter Two Additional Reading on D2L
Mar 31 - Ap 4	Mill, Chapter Three and Four
Ap 7 - 11	Review for Final Exam
	The College will publish the time and date of the final on myCamosun on February 14th.

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](https://camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning/academic-accommodations-exams).
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EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
Three Tests	90%
1. Plato	30%
2. Descartes	30%
3. Mill	30%
Seminar Work	10%
	TOTAL
	100%
	TOTAL
	100%

If you need to miss a test or have missed a test, contact me as soon as possible to select a date to write a make-up test. If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible.

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

1. There are two hours of lecture and one hour of seminar each week. The two hour lecture period is on Monday, and a one hour seminar is on Wednesday. Please check your registration to find out which hour of seminar is yours.
2. The schedule above shows the required readings for each week. Philosophical writing tends to be dense and needs to be read more than once. Some passages need to be read many times to be understood. Plan to spend at least two hours reading each week.
3. The first two tests are written in person during the lecture period. The last test will be written during the final exam period. If you know you will miss a test or have missed a test, contact me as soon as possible to set a date for a makeup. If more than a couple weeks pass, makeup tests may have to be written at the final exam.

4. The tests in this course will be open text book. This means that students may bring their own text book and use it in the test. Students may underline, box, and highlight text; however, no more than 6 to 10 words written on no more than 10 to 12 pages. The texts must be the particular editions that are required for this course (see above).
5. The best plan for success in Philosophy 100 is to keep up with reading and attend lectures and seminars. Reading is really important intellectual work. If you get stuck on a chapter, or passage, don't let that stop you from continuing. Read it over again, note your confusion, and keep reading. If you miss a lecture or a seminar (or a few), don't let that stop you from showing up when you can.
6. Students do not have my permission to record lectures. Students do not have my permission to take photos in the classroom. **If technological aids are necessary for you, please speak to me in advance of their use.** I will happily accommodate real needs.

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit camosun.ca/services.

Support Service	Website
Academic Advising	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/academic-advising
Accessible Learning	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/accessible-learning
Counselling	camosun.ca/services/health-and-wellness/counselling-centre
Career Services	camosun.ca/services/co-operative-education-and-career-services
Financial Aid and Awards	camosun.ca/registration-records/financial-aid-awards

Support Service	Website
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	camosun.ca/programs-courses/iecc/indigenous-student-services
International Student Support	camosun.ca/international
Learning Skills	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills
Library	camosun.ca/services/library
Office of Student Support	camosun.ca/services/office-student-support
Ombudsperson	camosun.ca/services/ombudsperson
Registration	camosun.ca/registration-records/registration
Technology Support	camosun.ca/services/its
Writing Centre	camosun.ca/services/academic-supports/help-centres/writing-centre-learning-skills

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Integrity

Students are expected to comply with all College policy regarding academic integrity; which is about honest and ethical behaviour in your education journey. The following guide is designed to help you understand your responsibilities:

<https://camosun.libguides.com/academicintegrity/welcome>

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.13.pdf> for Camosun's Academic Integrity policy and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

Camosun College is committed to achieving full accessibility for persons with disabilities. Part of this commitment includes arranging appropriate academic accommodations for students with disabilities to ensure they have an equitable opportunity to participate in all of their academic activities. If you are a student with a documented disability and think you may need accommodations, you are strongly encouraged to contact the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) and register as early as possible. Please visit the CAL website for more information about the process of registering with CAL, including important deadlines: <https://camosun.ca/cal>

Academic Progress

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2023-02/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <https://camosun.ca/registration-records/tuition-fees#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal (see [Medical/Compassionate Withdrawals policy](#)). Please visit <https://camosun.ca/services/forms#medical> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun's Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student's right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun's Sexualized Violence Policy: <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence-support-and-education.

To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-370-3841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College's Student Misconduct Policy at <https://camosun.ca/sites/default/files/2021-05/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College's expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Looking for other policies?

The full suite of College policies and directives can be found here: <https://camosun.ca/about/camosun-college-policies-and-directives>

Changes to this Syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.