



**CAMOSUN COLLEGE**  
*School of Arts & Science*  
*Humanities*

**Phil. 100-2, Introduction to Philosophy, I**  
**Fall, 2002**

**COURSE OUTLINE**

**1. Instructor Information**

Instructor: Dr. Justine Noel

Office hours: Tuesdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.,  
Wednesdays, 3:30 – 4:30 p.m., Thursdays, 1:30-2:30 p.m., Fridays, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Location: Fisher 344D

Phone: 370-3518

**2. Intended Learning Outcomes**

By the end of the course the student should

- be able to understand the nature of fundamental philosophical problems
- be able to understand the classical philosophical answers to these problems
- be able to appreciate the similarities and differences between various philosophical theories
- have an overall sense of the philosophical history of ideas
- have the ability to take a philosophical position and support that position with good reasons
- have an understanding of the relevance of philosophy to everyday problems concerning beliefs and values, knowledge, personal identity, and the nature of reality

**3. Required Materials**

Text: The Experience of Philosophy, 5<sup>th</sup> edition, Daniel Kolak and Raymond Martin

**4. Course Schedule and Reading Assignments**

Lectures: Wednesdays, 10:30-11:20 a.m., Fisher 268

Fridays, 10:30-11:20 a.m., Fisher 202

Seminars: Wednesdays (A), 11:30-12:20 p.m., Fisher 268

Fridays, (B), 11:30-12:20 p.m., Fisher 202

## Reading Assignments

### **Week 1: Introduction**

Sept.4 – Intro.

Sept.6 – Plato, 8-23

Seminar: Krishnamurti, 30

### **Week 2: Who Am I?**

Sept.11 – Locke, 120

Sept.13 – Hume, 128

Seminar: QUIZ 1, Martin, 139

### **Week 3: Do I Have Freewill?**

Sept.18 – Holbach, 176

Sept.20 – James, 194

Seminar: video, “Do We Have Freewill?”

### **Week 4: What Can I Know?**

Sept.25 – TEST #1

Sept.27 – Descartes, 250

Seminar: Berkeley, 263

### **Week 5: Does God Exist?**

Oct.2 – Anselm, 290

Oct.4 – Aquinas, 294

Seminar: QUIZ 2, Pascal, 297

### **Week 6: What is the Nature of Reality?**

Oct.9 – Kolak, 383

Oct 11 – Parfit, 409

Seminar: Nozick, 380

### **Week 7: What is the Nature of Experience?**

Oct. 16 – Thomson and Turetzky, 463

Oct. 18 – TEST #2

Seminar: Hofstadter, 449

### **Week 8: What is Consciousness?**

Oct.23 – Dawkins, 486

Oct.25 – Zuboff, 491

Seminar: QUIZ 3, Nagel, 498

### **Week 9: Consciousness cont.**

Oct.30 – Churchland, 508

Nov.1 – Roberts, 516

Seminar: Jackson, 505

**Week 10: What is Death?**

Nov.6 – Plato, 526

Nov.8 – Martin, 538

Seminar: QUIZ 4, Hume, 534

**Week 11: Death cont.**

Nov.13 – **TEST #3**

Nov.15 – Clark, 555

Seminar: Kolak, 565

**Week 12: Does Life Have Meaning?**

Nov.20 – Tolstoy and Camus, 572-578

Nov.22 – Taylor, 582

Seminar: QUIZ 5, Martin, 588

**Week 13: What is Morally Right?**

Nov.27 – Kant, 598

Nov.29 – Mill, 602

Seminar: Nietzsche, 606

**Week 14: What Should I Value?**

Dec. 4 – Aristotle, 652

Dec. 6 – **TEST #4**

Seminar: QUIZ 6 (optional), Glover, 672

**5. Basis of Student Assessment**

- a) Participation: 10%
- b) 4 tests (15 % each): 60%
- c) 6 Quizzes (2% each, 1 throw away): 10%
- d) 1 essay (3-4 typed): 20%

**Policy on late papers:** late papers will not be accepted except in cases of illness or personal crisis.

**6. Grading System**

The following percentage conversion to letter grade will be used:

A+ = 95 - 100%	B = 75 - 79%	D = 50 - 59%
A = 90 - 94%	B- = 70 - 74%	F = 0.0 - 49%
A- = 85 - 89%	C+ = 65 - 69%	
B+ = 80 - 84%	C = 60 - 64%	

**7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course**

**LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS**

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College Calendar, Registrar's Office or the College web site at <http://www.camosun.bc.ca>

**ACADEMIC CONDUCT POLICY**

There is an Academic Conduct Policy. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, Registration, and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

[www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-5.html](http://www.camosun.bc.ca/divisions/pres/policy/2-education/2-5.html)