

CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Arts & Science
Humanities

Phil. 100-03, Introduction to Philosophy, I
Fall, 2004

COURSE OUTLINE

1. Instructor Information

Instructor: Dr. Justine Noel
Office hours: Daily (except Mondays) 1:30-2:30 p.m., Wednesdays, 10:30-11:30 a.m.
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2. Course Schedule

Lectures: Wednesdays 2:30-3:20 p.m. (Y 316) and Fridays, 2:30-3:20 p.m. (Y 316)
Seminars: Group A: Wednesdays, 3:30-4:20 p.m. (Y 316)
Group B: Fridays, 3:30-4:20 p.m. (Y 316)

3. Intended Learning Outcomes

By the end of the course the student should be able to

- a) explain the nature of fundamental philosophical problems
- b) demonstrate an understanding of some the classical philosophical answers to these problems
- c) describe the similarities and differences between various philosophical theories
- d) critically analyze an argument philosophically by assessing its strengths and weaknesses and then supporting one's own position with good reasons

4. Required Text:

The Experience of Philosophy, 5th edition, Daniel Kolak and Raymond Martin

5. Basis of Student Assessment

- a) 2 in-class tests: 30% (15% each), TEST #1 - Sept.29 and TEST #2 - Nov.3
- b) final exam: 40% (date tba, Dec. final exam period)
- c) class participation and seminar group discussion: 10%
- d) 3-4 page essay: 20%, due Oct.22

6) Reading Assignments

Week 1: Introduction

Sept.8 – Intro.

Sept.10 – Krishnamurti, 30

Seminar: Russell, 34

Week 2: Personal Identity

Sept.15 – Hume, 128

Sept.17 – Martin, 139

Seminar: Buddha, 104

Week 3: Personal Identity cont.

Sept.22 – Dennett, 71

Sept.24 – Harding, 107

Seminar: Locke, 123

Week 4: Freewill

Sept.29 – **TEST #1**

Oct.1 – Holbach, 176

Seminar: video: “Do We Have Freewill?”

Week 5: Freewill cont.

Oct.6 – “The Delusion of Freewill”, R. Blatchford, class handout

Oct.8 – “Freedom of Choice and Human Responsibility”. C. Lamont, class handout

Seminar: “Absolute Freedom”, J.P. Sartre, class handout

Week 6: Knowledge

Oct.13 – Plato 226

Oct.15 – Descartes, 250

Seminar: Berkeley, 263

Week 7: God

Oct. 20 – Anselm, 290

Oct. 22 – Aquinas, 294 – **ESSAY DUE**

Seminar: Pascal, 297

Week 8: Reality and Experience

Oct.27 – Hume, 368

Oct.29 – Parfit, 409

Seminar: Parfit, cont.

Week 9: Consciousness

Nov.3 – TEST #2

Nov.5 – Zuboff, 491

Seminar: video: “The Mind/Body Problem”

Week 10: Consciousness cont.

Nov.10 – Nagel, 498

Nov.12 – Jackson, 505

Seminar: discussion of consciousness cont.

Week 11: Death

Nov.17 – Martin, 538

Nov.19 – Clark, 555

Seminar: Kolak, 565

Week 12: Meaning

Nov.24 – Camus, 578

Nov.26 – Taylor, 582

Seminar: Martin, 588

Week 13: Ethics

Dec.1 – Kant, 598

Dec.3 – Mill, 602

Seminar: Nietzsche, 606

Week 14: Values

Dec. 8 – Plato, 648

Dec. 10 – Aristotle, 652

Seminar: Review

7. **Policy on late papers: late papers will receive a zero except in cases of illness or personal crisis.**
8. **Policy on missed tests: make-up tests are permitted in cases of illness or personal crisis only. A make-up test will not be scheduled until proper documentation is provided.**
9. **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%	

10. **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

