



CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Arts & Science
Humanities

Phil. 102-002, Introduction to Philosophy, II
Winter, 2005

COURSE OUTLINE

Instructor Information:

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Intended Learning Outcomes:

By the end of this course, students should be able to a) demonstrate an understanding of the problems encompassed within the various philosophical themes studied, b) compare different schools of thought on how these problems can be solved, c) critically assess the strengths and weaknesses of different philosophical theories, and d) articulate a sense of his or her own position on key issues.

Required Text: Traversing Philosophical Boundaries, ed., Max O. Hallman, 2nd ed.

Course Schedule:

Lectures: Tuesdays and Thursdays 12:30-1:20; F212

Seminars: Group A- Tuesday 1:30-2:20; F212

Group B- Thursday 1:30-2:20; F212

Course Requirements:

- a) Test #1 (20%)
- b) Test #2 (20%)
- c) Test #3 (25%) – final exam period
- d) 2-3 page paper, typed double-spaced (15%)
- e) 11 quizzes, one throw away (10%)
- f) Participation (10%)

READING ASSIGNMENTS

Weeks 1-3: Self, Mind and Body

Jan 11 – Introduction

Jan 13 – Buddhist Scriptures, p 16

Week 2: Self, Mind and Body Con't

Jan 18 – Schopenhauer, p 24

Jan 20 – Descartes, p 41

Seminar – Parfit, p 58

Week 3: Self, Mind and Body Con't

Jan 25 – Nietzsche, p 73

Jan 27 – Sartre, p 85

Seminar - Video

Week 4: Creation and Reality

Feb 1 – Creation stories, p 119-136

Feb 3 – Test #1

Seminar: Creation Stories, con't

Week 5: Creation and Reality Con't

Feb 8 – Lao Tzu, p 148

Feb 10 – Reading Break- no class today

Seminar: No seminars this week!!!

Weeks 6: Knowledge and Truth

Feb 15 – James, p 224

Feb 17 – Hume, p 283

Seminar: Benally, p 242

Weeks 7-8: Knowledge

Feb 22 – Buddhist Scriptures, p 268

Feb 24 – Video

Seminar: Chang-Tzu, p 272

Week 8: Knowledge Con't

March 1 – Leibniz, p 162

March 3 – Leibniz con't

Seminar – Leibniz con't

Week 9: Ethics

March 8 – Test #2

March 10 – Mencius, p 312

Seminar: Video

Week 10: Ethics Con't

March 15 – Wong, p 340
March 17 – Nietzsche, p 347
Seminar: McGaa, p 352

Week 11: Ethics Con't

March 22 – TBA
March 24 – TBA
Seminar: TBA

Week 12: Religion

March 29 – Aquinas, p 539
March 31 – Buber, p 549
Seminar – Starhawk, p 563

Week 13: Religion Con't

April 5 – Campbell, p 577
April 7 – Christ, p 583
Seminar: Video

Week 14: Religion Con't

April 12 – Yutang, p 621
April 14 – Russell, p 627
Seminar: Review for final

Policy on late papers: late papers will receive a “zero” except in cases of illness or personal crisis.

Policy on missed tests: make-up tests will be permitted only in cases of illness or personal crisis. A make-up test will not be scheduled until proper documentation is provided.

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%	