

	<p><b>School of Arts &amp; Science</b>  <b>HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT</b></p> <p><b>PHIL 102-02</b>  <b>Central Issues in Philosophy</b>  <b>Semester/Year – Winter 2008</b></p>
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## COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @ \_\_\_\_\_

Ω Please note: this outline will be electronically stored for five (5) years only.  
It is strongly recommended students keep this outline for your records.

### 1. Instructor Information

(a)	Instructor:	Justine Noel		
(b)	Office Hours:	Monday through Thursday, 11:30 am to 12:30 pm		
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### 2. Intended Learning Outcomes

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

1. Summarize the central philosophical issues within both the Continental (i.e., French and German) and Analytic (i.e., British) traditions.
2. Outline critical objections to both classical and contemporary philosophical theories.
3. Argue a philosophical position and support it with good reasons.
4. Identify the relevance of philosophical problems to everyday problems concerning beliefs and values, knowledge, personal identity, and the nature of reality.

### 3. Required Materials

(a)	Texts	<a href="#">Philosophy: The Power of Ideas</a> , eds. Moore and Brudner, 7 <sup>th</sup> ed.
(b)	Other	

### 4. Course Content and Schedule

Lectures: Tuesdays - 12:30 pm - 1:20 pm, Y-325

Thursdays - 9:30 am - 10:20 am, Y-325

Seminars: Group A - Tuesdays 10:30 am – 11:20 am, Y-325

## **READING ASSIGNMENTS**

### **Week 1: Eastern Philosophy**

Jan 7 – Introduction

Jan 9 – Taoism, p.535-544

### **Week 2: Eastern Philosophy**

Jan 14 – Confucianism, p.545-553, p.572-573 Quiz #1

Jan 16 – Zen Buddhism, p.553-563

Seminar - Philosophy of the Samurai, p.563-572

### **Week 3: Metaphysics**

Jan 21 – Leibniz, p.120

Jan 23 – Leibniz, p.463-464

### **Week 4: Metaphysics**

Jan 28 – Spinoza, p.113-115, p.126-127 Quiz #3

Jan 30 – Review for Test #1

### **Week 5: The Continental Tradition**

Feb 4 – Test #1

Feb 6 – Existentialist Literature, 166-178

### **Week 6: The Continental Tradition**

Feb 11 – Rorty, p.204-206, p.215 f.

Feb 13 – Rorty cont.

### **Week 7: Philosophy of Mind**

Feb 18 – Smart, p.256-257 Quiz #4

Feb 20 – Theories of Mind, p.242-249

### **Week 8: Moral Philosophy**

Feb 25 – Epictetus, p.284-287, 313-315, Quiz #5

Feb 27 – Nietzsche, p.320-323

### **Week 9: Political Philosophy**

March 3 – Mill, p.376-377 Quiz #6

March 5 – Review for Test #2

### **Week 10: Recent Moral and Political Philosophy**

March 10 – Test #2

March 12 – Nozick, p.415-416, Quiz #7

### **Week 11: Philosophy of Religion**

March 17 – Hinduism, p.526-529

March 19 – Samurai, p.563-572 Quiz #8

**Week 12: Philosophy of Religion**

March 24 – no class –Easter Monday

March 26 – Quiz #9

**Week 13: Mind and Consciousness**

Mar 31 – Theories of Mind, p.231-238

April 2 – J.J. Smart on Consciousness, p.241-242 Quiz #10

**Week 14: Postcolonial Thought**

April 7 – Gandhi, p.600-601, p.612 f. Quiz #11

April 9 – Review for final exam

***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.***

**5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)**

*(Should be linked directly to learning outcomes.)*

- a) Test #1 – Feb.4/08 (25%)
- b) Test #2 – Mar.10/08 (25%)
- c) Test #3 (30%) – final exam period
- d) 11 quizzes, one throwaway (10%)
- e) Participation (10%)

**6. Grading System**

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**Standard Grading System (GPA)**

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D	Minimum level of achievement for which credit is granted; a course with a "D" grade cannot be used as a prerequisite.	1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

**Temporary Grades**

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading

Policy at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca) or information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete:</i> A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress:</i> A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

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## 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, at Student Services or the College web site at [camosun.ca](http://camosun.ca).

### STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED