
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: Experiencing Philosophy, Anthony Falikowski

Course Schedule:

Lectures: Mondays 10:30 am - 11:20 am, F 214
Wednesdays 10:30 am - 11:20 am, F 214
Seminars: Mondays 11:30 am – 12:20 pm, Group A, F 214
Wednesdays 11:30 am – 12:20 pm, Group B, F 214

Course Requirements:

Test #1 – Feb.2 (25%)
Test #2 – Mar.14 (25%)
Test #3 – final exam period (30%)
6 quizzes, one throwaway (10%)
participation/group discussion (10%)

Reading Assignments

Week 1: What is Philosophy?

01/10 – Introduction

01/12 – chapter 1

Week 2: Philosophies of Life

01/17 – Stoicism, p.41-61

01/19 – Existentialism, p.61-74, **QUIZ #1**

Week 3: Philosophies of Life

01/24 – Freewill, p.74-82

01/26 – Hedonism, p. 82-96

Week 4: Philosophies of Life

01/31 – Buddhism, p.97-119, Review

02/02 – **TEST #1**

Week 5: Philosophical Argument

02/7 – Fallacies, p.156-165

02/9 – Fallacies, **QUIZ #2**

Week 6: Epistemology and Metaphysics

02/14 – Plato, p.167-185

02/16 – Plato, p.185-188

Week 7: Epistemology cont.

02/21 – Descartes, p.189-202, **QUIZ #3**

02/23 – video: Mark Steele Lectures on Descartes

Week 8: Epistemology cont.

02/28 – Locke, p.203-209

03/02 – Berkeley, p.209-212

Week 9: Epistemology cont.

03/7 – Hume, p.213-226

03/9 – Kant, p.228-235, Review, **QUIZ #4**

Week 10: Philosophy of Religion

03/14 – **TEST #2**

03/16 – St. Anselm, p.250-253

Week 11: Philosophy of Religion cont.

03/21 – Aquinas, p.253-261, **QUIZ #5**

03/23 – video: “Does God Exist?”

Week 12: Morality

03/28 – Utilitarianism, p.297-308

03/30 – Duty-based Ethics, p.308-316

Week 13: Morality cont.

04/4 – Existentialist Ethics, p.334-342

Week 14: Morality cont.

04/11 – Ethical Egoism, p.346-356

04/13 – Review for final exam

6. Grading System

(No changes are to be made to this section unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through the Education Council of Camosun College for approval.)

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 E-1.5 at camosun.ca for 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, due to design may require a further enrollment in the same course. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course. <i>(For these courses a final grade will be assigned to either the 3rd course attempt or at the point of course completion.)</i>
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.

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.

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 the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED