Introduction to Philosophy: 730:103/104

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Goals: This course is designed to introduce students to a variety of topics and techniques in Philosophy.

Class site: Sakai sites have been set up for each section.

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Organization: Study questions and readings will be assigned as we proceed. Students will be expected to discuss the questions and explicate the text in class.

Requirements: There will be a mid-term and a final and short papers based on the study questions. Your grade will be based on the mid-term (30%) and the final (50%) or the final alone (80%), whichever is better and the papers (20%). (Note: for this to count as a writing course you MUST hand in all the papers.) Please note: MAKE UP EXAMINATIONS ARE NOT OFFERED IN THIS COURSE.

Miscellaneous: Attendance at lectures is not mandatory; however it will not be possible to pass this course without attending. Further, please note that papers will only be collected in class and done so without prior notice. Attendance requirements at discussion sections will be set and announced by the section instructor. You can eat, sleep, daydream or do anything else you like in class as long as it does not distract other students or me. The readings for this course are quite limited; however, philosophy is not easy to read. All assignments should be studied at least twice before the discussion meeting.

Please familiarize yourself with college rules on plagiarism and cheating.
**Topics:**

1. Substantive proof in Philosophy - God (2 weeks)
2. Philosophy as explication - piety (1)
3. Explication and proof - knowledge (3)
4. The idea of evidence (1)
5. Reference (2)
6. The distinction between the empirical and the non-empirical (1)
7. Personal Identity (2)
8. Our moral lives (2)

**Text:** Martin Bunzl, Introduction to Philosophy

**Readings:**

Anselm, Prosligium [1]

Aquinas, The Summa Theologica [1]

Dennett, "Where am I?" [7]

Descartes, Rene. Meditations on First Philosophy [3]

Gettier, Edmund L. "Is True Justified Belief Knowledge?" [3]


Hume, An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding [4]

Kant, Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals [8]

Locke, Essay Concerning Human Understanding [3]

Mill, Utilitarianism [8]

Plato, "Euthyphro" [2]

Quine, "Two Dogmas of Empiricism" [6]

Russell, "Why I am not a Christian" [1]