Welcome to my class!

**Introduction to Philosophy:** 730:103

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This course is designed to introduce students to a variety of topics and techniques.

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

**Requirements:** There will be a mid-term and a final. Your grade will be based on the final (70%) or the final alone (100%), whichever is better. Please note: research papers are NOT OFFERED IN THIS COURSE.

**Miscellaneous:** It will not be possible to pass this course without attending class. Daydream or do anything else you like in class as long as it does not distract your fellow students. Readings for this course are quite limited; however, philosophy is not easy. Readings may be used in class.

The mid-term is during week 7.
There will be no class on the day before Thanksgiving.

**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:** All papers are available on the website for the class but should be printed for class.

**Readings:**
Anselm, Prologium [Topic 1]
Aquinas, The Summa Theologica [1]
Descartes, Rene. Meditations on First Philosophy [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]