

**NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE**

**COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COURSE TITLE:** Introduction to Philosophy      **Course #: PHL 101**

**Course Description:** 3 Credits

This 3 credit course is an introduction to major philosophic thinkers and the various schools of philosophic theories. It is geared to encourage critical thinking and to show the relevancy of philosophy in everyday life. It will involve an examination of ethics, religious philosophy, political philosophy and logic addressing such topics as Truth, Happiness, Virtue (Greek concept), Finitude, Wisdom and God.

**Pre-requisite/Co-requisite:** Eligibility for ENG 101

**GOALS:**

- A. To inform the student on a variety of different philosophical schools/thoughts/disciplines.
- B. It will enable the student to learn to think in an objective, rational and informed manner.
- C. It will provide the forum for students to develop critical thinking skills.

**OUTCOMES:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Apply critical thinking skills that will empower him/her to achieve a higher understanding of the problems that are common to the human condition.
- Differentiate the major philosophical themes and appraise the value of application of which theory is responsive to a particular situation.
- Identify core ideas and famous philosophers from the Greek philosophical tradition.
- Identify core ideas and famous philosophers from the Medieval and early Modern philosophical traditions.
- Identify core ideas and famous philosophers from the Modern philosophical tradition.
- Measure the influence that major philosophical traditions have on the development and acceptance/rejection of various social, ethical and religious theories.
- Logically and soundly evaluate philosophical arguments and positions.
- Argue and assess the importance and relevance of distinguishing between unsupported philosophical opinions and justified logical philosophical theories.
- Speak and write clearly about philosophical issues.

## **COLLEGE POLICIES:**

**Plagiarism:** Plagiarism and Academic Dishonesty are not tolerated at Northwestern Connecticut Community College. Violators of this policy will be subject to sanctions ranging from failure of the assignment (receiving a zero), failing the course, being removed/expelled from the program and/or the College. Please refer to your “Student Handbook” under “Policy on Student Rights,” the Section entitled “Student Discipline,” or the College catalog for additional information.

**Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA):** The College will make reasonable accommodations for persons with documented learning, physical, or psychiatric disabilities. Students should notify Dr. Christine Woodcock, the Counselor for Students with Disabilities. She is located at Green Woods Hall, in the Center for Student Development. Her phone number is 860-738-6318 and her email is [cwoodcock@nwcc.edu](mailto:cwoodcock@nwcc.edu).

**School Cancellations:** If snowy or icy driving conditions cause the postponement or cancellation of classes, announcements will be made on local radio and television stations and posted on the College’s website at [www.nwcc.edu](http://www.nwcc.edu). Students may also call the College directly at **(860) 738-6464** to hear a recorded message concerning any inclement weather closings. Students are urged to exercise their own judgment if road conditions in their localities are hazardous.

**Use of Electronic Devices:** Some course content as presented in Blackboard Learn is not fully supported on mobile devices at this time. While mobile devices provide convenient access to check in and read information about your courses, they should not be used to perform work such as taking tests, quizzes, completing assignments, or submitting substantive discussion posts.

**Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team:** NCCC is committed to creating a community that is safe and supportive of people of all gender and sexual identities. This pertains to the entire campus community, whether on ground or virtual, students, faculty, or staff.

Sexual assault and intimate partner violence is an affront to our national conscience, and one we cannot ignore. It is our hope that no one within our campus community will become a victim of these crimes. However, if it occurs, NCCC has created the SART Team - Sexual Assault and Intimate Partner Violence Resource Team - to meet the victim’s needs.

SART is a campus and community based team that is fully trained to provide trauma-informed compassionate service and referrals for comprehensive care. The team works in partnership with The Susan B. Anthony Project to extend services 24 hours a day, 7 days a week throughout the year.

The NCCC team members are:

Ruth Gonzalez, Ph.D.	860-738-6315	Green Woods Hall Room 207
Susan Berg	860-738-6342	Green Woods Hall Room 223
Kathleen Chapman	860-738-6344	Green Woods Hall Room 110
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Robin Orloski	860-738-6416	Business Office Room 201
Patricia Bouffard, Ex-Officio	860-738-6319	Founders Hall Room 103
Savannah Schmitt		Student Representative

At NCCC we care about our students, staff and faculty and their well-being. It is our intention to facilitate the resources needed to help achieve both physical and emotional health.