

NORTHWESTERN CONNECTICUT COMMUNITY COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Philosophy

Course #: PHL C101

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), 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:

- 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.