

SYLLABUS

Department: Arts and Sciences
Course: Philosophy 210: *History of Philosophy*
Prerequisite: English 111
College: Johnston Community College
Semester: Spring 07
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Course Description

This course introduces fundamental philosophical issues through an historical perspective. Emphasis is placed on such figures as Plato, Aristotle, Lao-Tzu, Confucius, Augustine, Aquinas, Descartes, Locke, Kant, Wollstonecraft, Nietzsche, and Sartre. Upon completion, students should be able to identify and distinguish among the key positions of the philosophers studied. *This course has been approved to satisfy the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement general education core requirement in humanities/fine arts.*

Course Competencies/Objectives

- Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:
- 1) Compile and analyze information
 - 2) Identify solutions
 - 3) Draw logical conclusions
 - 4) Solve problems
 - 5) Be creative
 - 6) Demonstrate effective research skills
 - 7) Demonstrate an understanding of our cultural heritage and the role of diversity in shaping our cultural heritage

Required Text/Materials

HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

By: Albert B. Hakim, Prentice Hall, Fourth Edition, 2001

Course Content

- I. Pre-Socratics
 - A. Thales
 - B. Anaximander
 - C. Anaximenes
 - D. Pathagoras
- II. Socrates
- III. Plato
- IV. Aristotle
- V. Epicurus and the Stoics
- VI. St. Augustine
- VII. St. Aquinas
- VIII. Descartes
- IX. Spinoza
- X. Leibniz
- XI. Hobbes
- XII. Locke
- XIII. Hume
- XIV. Kant
- XV. Mill
- XVI. Kierkegaard
- XVII. Nietzsche
- XVIII. Marx
- XIX. James
- XX. Heidegger
- XXI. Sartre
- XXII. Rawls

Evaluation

Three tests will be given during the course, each 20% of the final grade.
Three 2-4p essays will be given during the course, each 10% of the final grade.
Class participation will account for the remaining 10% of the course grade.

A ten point grading scale will be used to evaluate student performance.

No test or essay will be dropped and make-up tests will only be given under extreme circumstances and with instructor approval.

Important Information

The last day to drop this course without grade penalty is March 6.

Attendance

Regular and punctual attendance is expected of all students in order for them to achieve their potential in class and to develop desirable personal traits necessary to succeed in employment. By departmental policy, if a student misses more than 12.5%, or two weeks, in the course, the student will be dropped. The 12.5% includes an absence from class for any reason. If a student is dropped by an instructor due to excessive absences, a grade of 'WF' will be issued, calculated in his/her grade point average and could affect his/her financial aid. Class attendance is calculated from the first scheduled class meeting to the last. Late arrivals and/or early departures may count toward total absences. The student must obtain permission from the instructor to re-enter class. If this request is denied the student may petition the department chair for reinstatement. If the department chair denies the request, the Dean of Curriculum Programs will make the final ruling on the decision. A student may be dropped by an instructor due to excessive absences at any time during the semester, including that time period before the date designated each semester as the last day a student can drop without grade penalty. **You are responsible for material covered and assignments regardless of whether or not you are present.**

Additional Notes

1) Students are expected to conduct themselves in accordance with generally accepted standards of scholarship and morality. The following regulation sets forth rules of conduct prohibiting cheating.

Academic Dishonesty- taking or acquiring possession of any academic material (test information, research papers, notes, etc.) from a member of the college staff or student body without permission; receiving or giving help during tests; submitting papers or reports (that are supposed to be original work) that are not entirely the student's own; not giving credit for others' work (plagiarism).

Violation of one or more of these rules may result in one of the following sanctions:

- a) Reprimand
- b) Probation
- c) Interim Suspension
- d) Loss of Academic Credit or Grade
- e) Suspension
- f) Expulsion

2) College policy does not allow students to bring mobile phones or pagers to class unless they are employed by or serve as a volunteer for an emergency type organization requiring this type equipment. **In no circumstance should the phones or pagers be turned on in class without prior approval of the instructor.**

3) College policy does not allow minors to be brought to class. Minors are not allowed on campus while parents are attending class. Bringing guests to class is a potential disruption for others and places the college in a position of liability.

4)In accordance with the Family Educational Rights and Privacy Act of 1974, Johnston Community College does not release student information concerning attendance, grades, GPA, or withdrawals to parents or employers without proper documentation to the registrar's office. If documentation is provided, the registrar will notify faculty if it is ok to release information.

5)Open computer labs are available in Wilson, rooms 248 and 249.

6)For additional academic help, tutoring is available through the Student Support Services Program, and the Academic Skills Center. The Academic Skills Center is located in Wilson, room 187. The ASC is open Monday-Thursday, 9am-9pm

Friday, 9am-2pm

For makeup tests, the latest check in time is 7:30pm. (This schedule is from August 15-December 14, 2005).

7)Disability Services-The Disability Services Office helps adapt Johnston Community College's general services to the individual and specialized needs of students who have special health conditions, disabilities, or limitations. Services are provided in accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Acts of 1973, as amended in 1998 in part IV of the Workforce Investment Act, Perkins Vocational and Applied Technology Education Act of 1998, and the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990. Our goal is to ensure all qualified students with equal opportunity and access to all programs and facilities.

Disability Services Office- 919-209-2120

Student Services Office- 919-209-2128

TTY- 919-209-2154

8)Inclement Weather Policy-The President or designee of Johnston Community College will be responsible for canceling classes in the event of inclement weather or other emergencies. Unless announcements are made to cancel or delay classes, classes will be in session. If classes are canceled or delayed, announcements will be made on the local television and radio stations, the JCC website (www.johnstoncc.edu) or by phoning 919-934-0112.

Course Schedule

Weeks 1-4: Pre-Socratics through the Stoics

Week 5: Paper #1 due, and Test #1

Weeks 6-9: St. Augustine through Kant

Week 10: Paper #2 due, and Test #2

Weeks 11-14: Mill through Rawls

Week 15: Paper #3 due, and Test #3