

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2011-12**

Philosophy 1022E: Advanced Introduction to Philosophy

<p>Autumn and Winter 2011-12</p> <p>Time: Tuesday & Thursday, 12:30-1:30</p> <p>Location: Talbot College 141</p>	<p>Instructor: Anthony Skelton(Autumn) Office: Stevenson Hall 4126 Office Hours: Monday, 9:00-10:00, Thursday, 1:40-3:00 Telephone: 519-661-2111, ext. 87953 anthonyjskelton@gmail.com</p> <p>Instructor: Chris Smeenk (Winter) Office: Stevenson Hall 2132 Office Hours: TBA Telephone: 519-661-2111, ext. 85770 csmeenk2@uwo.ca</p>
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DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to serve as an introduction to the most basic questions about which philosophers seek understanding and to which they seek answers. What does the good life consist in? What is morally required? What is morally forbidden? What are the demands of justice? Do humans have free will? What is the nature of the mind? What do I exist as over time? Does God exist? What does knowledge consist in? Are my beliefs about the world or my own nature justified? Some time will be devoted to both historical and contemporary reflections on such questions.

TEXTS

Introduction to Philosophy: Classical and Contemporary Readings, fifth edition, eds., John Perry, Michael Bratman, & John Martin Fischer (Oxford: University Press, 2010).

Lewis Vaughn & Jillian Scott McIntosh, Writing Philosophy: A Guide for Canadian Students (Oxford: University Press, 2009).

All other readings are found on-line; these are marked with an asterisk.

OBJECTIVES

The main purpose of this course is to familiarize students with the most fundamental questions of Western philosophy.

The secondary purpose of this course is to assist students in producing clear, concise and logically structured written work.

The tertiary purpose of this course is to assist students in thinking clearly and logically about a wide range of social and humanistic issues.

REQUIREMENTS

First term:

1. Short Critical Summary

Date: Week four (Sept. 29)
 Length: No more than 625 words
 Value: 6% of final grade

2. Essay

Due date: Week six (Oct. 13)
 Length: No more than 1250 words
 Value: 12% of final grade

3. Essay

Due date: Week Ten (Nov. 10)
 Length: No more than 1250 words
 Value: 12% of final grade

4. Midterm Examination (December)

Date: To be determined by the Office of the Registrar
 Length: Two hours
 Value: 20% of final grade

Second term:

5. Short writing assignments:

Due Date: Roughly biweekly, 5 assignments total
 Length: 200-300 words each
 Value: 5% of final grade

6. Essays

Due date: Three essays, due on week 3, 6, and 10
Length: First two less than 1250 words, third paper less than 1500 words
Value: 30% of final grade

7. Final Examination (April)

Date: To be determined by the Office of the Registrar
Length: Three hours
Value: 15% of final grade

AUDIT

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes.

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