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Introduction to Philosophy 100

Course Outline

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Objectives

- Knowledge and certainty: How their criteria are determined.
- Being and reality: How their criteria are determined.
- Mind and Body: Problems of interaction.
- The self and freedom: Determinism and indeterminism controversy.
- God and religion: How relevant are the proofs?
- Science and method: Assumptions and variations.
- Morality and the good life: Concepts and theories.
- Problems in ethics: Applied ethics.
- Authority and the state: Political theory.
- Beauty and art: What is aesthetics?

Texts

John Cottingham, *Western Philosophy: An Anthology* (Oxford: Blackwell, 1999)

T. Z. Lavine, *From Socrates to Sartre: The Philosophical Quest* (New York: Bantam Books, 1984)

Requirements

- Attendance 10 points
- Tests (10 x 5) 50 points
- Midterm (Takehome) 10 points
- Special project 10 points
- Final (Takehome) 20 points

Grading

A=95-1000; B=85-94; C=75-84; D=65-74; F=below 65

Schedule

1	1-11	M	Part 1
2	1-13	W	
3	1-15	F	
4	1-20	W	Test (1)
5	1-22	F	Part 2
6	1-25	M	
7	1-27	W	
8	1-29	F	Test (2)
9	2-1	M	Part 3
10	2-3	W	
11	2-5	F	
12	2-8	M	Test (3)
13	2-10	W	Part 4
14	2-12	F	
15	3-17	W	
16	3-19	F	Test (4)
17	2-22	M	Part 5

18	2-24	W	
19	2-26	F	
20	3-1	M	Test (5)
21	3-3	W	Part 6
22	3-5	F	
23	3-8	M	
24	3-10	W	Test (6)
25	3-12	F	Part 7
26	3-15	M	
27	3-17	W	
28	3-19	F	Test (7)
29	3-29	M	Part 8
30	3-31	W	
31	4-5	M	
32	4-7	W	Test (8)
33	4-9	F	Part 9
34	4-12	M	
35	3-14	W	
36	3-16	F	Test (9)
37	4-19	M	Part 10
38	4-21	W	
39	4-23	F	
40	4-26	M	Test (10)
41	4-28	W	
42	4-30	F	

Note

- The students ought to read the relevant text in advance.
- Non-participation in class discussions can cost points.
- The contents and format for the take-home projects will be announced in class.
- The information on this course objectives and class schedule document may change. Please be certain to keep up with any changes.
- Attendance report will be submitted to appropriate authorities.