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Chaminade University of Honolulu
Summer Evening Session 2000
July 11 - September 12, 2000
Kaneohe

COURSE: PH 10020 Intro to Philosophy

TIME: Tuesdays; 1730 - 2140

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TEXTBOOK: *Fundamentals of Philosophy*, edited by David Stewart and H. Gene Blocker
 (Prentice-Hall: Fourth Edition, 1996)

Description:

A study of the nature of philosophical thought and methods by examining actual examples from a selection of classical Greek, medieval Christian, and modern European philosophers. Students will develop an understanding of the ways in which western culture functions.

Objectives:

- To familiarize ourselves with the subject matter and methodology of philosophy
- To learn how to approach philosophical problems and readings
- To experience the depth and richness of some central issues in philosophy
- To understand and appreciate the influence of philosophical ideas on western culture
- To explore the relevance of philosophical wonder and questioning in our own lives

Class Format:

This class will usually be held "seminar style," to facilitate interaction and discussion among all the students. To enable us to have productive discussions, students will be expected to have read all relevant materials before our class meetings. Homework assignments will be given prior to our study of each text section, and a short test will be given following our study of each topic area. We will explore nine topic areas: What Philosophy Is, Logic, Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ethics, Philosophy of Religion, Philosophy of Art, Social and Political Philosophy, and Eastern Thought.

Course Requirements:

- Attendance, as well as coming to class on time, is required in order to complete the course (unexpected conflicts such as illness or deployment will be excused on a case by case basis with proper documentation, according to the University policy as published in the handbook). Students *must contact* the instructor by phone ASAP for make-up work.
- All HW assignments are to be turned in on time, and all reading assignments are to be done before class meetings—late papers will not be accepted without a proper excuse.
- Students will be expected to participate in group discussions, and to allow others to express their ideas without interruption, to **listen carefully** and with an open mind to what is being said, and to show respect for fellow students.
- All handouts are considered required reading, and might be used for test questions.

Grading:

• <u>Participation/Attendance</u> (20%)	40 pts.
Two unexcused absences are allowed; points will be deducted for each unexcused absence after that. Participation in group discussion is expected.	
• <u>Homework</u> (24%)	48 pts.
Nine homework assignments @ 6 points each; <i>lowest score dropped</i> .	
• <u>Tests</u> (56%)	<u>112 pts.</u>
Nine tests @ 14 points each; <i>lowest score dropped</i> .	
TOTAL = 200 pts.	

A=180-200, B=160-179, C=140-159, D=120-139, F=119 and below

Grading Criterion as stated in the Chaminade undergraduate catalog are as follows:

- A - Outstanding scholarship and an unusual degree of intellectual initiative.
- B - Superior work done in a consistent and intellectual manner.
- C - Average grade indicating a competent grasp of subject matter.
- D - Inferior work of the lowest passing grade, is not satisfactory for fulfillment or prerequisite coursework.
- F - Failed to grasp even the minimum subject matter; no credit given.
- I - Did not complete a small portion of the work or final examination due to circumstances beyond the student's control.

The issuance of an "I" grade is not automatic. Prior to reporting of grades a contract must be made between the student and the instructor for the completion of the course. Sufficient time should be allowed to permit completion of the work, evaluation, and reporting of the final grade within 90 days after the end of the semester or term. This limit may not be extended. If a new grade for the course is not submitted by the instructor prior to the deadline, the alternate grade, indicated in the contract, will be recorded.

Course Schedule

<u>Date</u>		<u>Reading Assignments</u>
July 11	Introduction	
18	What is Philosophy	<u>Part 1</u> Chapters 1 — 4
25	Thinking about Thinking (Logic)	<u>Part 2</u> Chapters 5 — 7
Aug 1	What is Real?	<u>Part 3</u> Chapters 9, 11, 12
8	How Do We Know?	<u>Part 4</u> Chapters 14 — 17
15	What Ought We to Do?	<u>Part 5</u> Chapters 20 — 24
22	Philosophy of Religion	<u>Part 6</u> Chapters 25 — 28
29	Philosophy of Art (Aesthetics)	<u>Part 7</u> Chapters 29 — 32
Sept 5	Social and Political Philosophy	<u>Part 8</u> Chapters 33 — 36
12	Eastern Thought	<u>Part 9</u> Chapters 37 — 39