

C-ID Descriptor

Introduction to Philosophy

Descriptor Details

- **Descriptor Title:** Introduction to Philosophy
- **C-ID Number:** 100
- **Units:** 3.0
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General Description

This course introduces philosophical ideas and methods concerning knowledge, reality and values. Expected topics will include the sources and limits of knowledge, and the nature of reality. Other topics that may be examined from a philosophical perspective include the nature of the self, truth, ethics, religion, science, language, beauty and art, political theory, or mind.

Prerequisites

No information provided

Corequisites

No information provided

Advisories

Eligibility for College Composition (C-ID ENGL 100)

Content

Study of philosophical ideas and methods through the critical examination of primary texts. These methods should include:

- Argumentation
- Conceptual analysis
- Analysis and evaluation of fundamental assumptions and principles of various philosophical systems
- Philosophical interpretation of primary texts

Lab Activities

No information provided

Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. Demonstrate a basic understanding of philosophical methods.
2. Demonstrate an ability to articulate ideas about philosophical issues.
3. Use philosophical methods, assumptions and principles to analyze philosophical ideas and positions.
4. Evaluate philosophical arguments, methods, assumptions, and principles for consistency, relevance, and truth.

Evaluation Methods

Written work, including essays, term papers, and exams.

Textbooks

Solomon, Higgins and Martin, *Introducing Philosophy: A Text with Integrated Readings*

Selections from primary sources (Open Educational Resources)