

I. Introduction To Philosophy
Course Title

II. Course Objectives

A. General Outcomes

Students who complete this course will:

1. Analyze classical thinking on the five basic philosophical questions (GE 3) (LA 3)
2. Develop one's own personal philosophy and present this philosophy to the class (GE 1, 2, 3) (LA 1, 2, 3)
3. Defend orally this philosophy (GE 1, 2, 3) (LA 1, 2, 3)

B. Student Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of this course, the student will be able to:

1. Compare ancient with modern ideas of the five basic philosophical questions
2. Present and defend his/her personal philosophy
3. Evaluate the philosophies of others

III. Course Content

The course asks five important questions: what is real, what is knowable, what is good, what is beautiful, where are humans headed, and how should we live? Students develop a personal philosophy.

1. Introduction to philosophical thought
2. Metaphysics-the nature of reality
3. Epistemology-what is knowable
4. Ethics-the nature of goodness
5. Aesthetics-the nature of beauty
6. Eschatology the study of the end times
7. Developing a personal philosophy

IV. Methods of Instruction

- A. Socratic questioning
- B. Lecture
- C. Projects (individual and class)
- D. Seminar

V. Equipment and Materials

1. Projector and Screen or VCR
2. Maps of the ancient world and modern Europe
3. Video Camera

VI. Suggested Methods of Evaluation

1. Graded discussion
2. Written projects
3. Oral/visual presentations

Letter grades will be assigned per CMI Grading System.

