



**University of International Business and Economics
International Summer School**

PHI 110 Introduction to Western Philosophy

Term: June 13th – July 14th, 2022

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Email: TBD

Class Hours: Monday through Thursday, 120 minutes each day (2,400 minutes in total)

Office Hours: TBD

Discussion session: 2 hours each week

Total Contact Hours: 64 contact hours (45 minutes each, 48 hours in total)

Location: WEB

Credit: 4 units

Course Description:

This course is intended to be a general introduction to both the substance and methods of western philosophy. Ideally, students should exit this course with both a sense of what sorts of things philosophers spend their time thinking about and an appreciation of how they go about that thought. Because of the breadth and depth of philosophical inquiry (both in regards to its subject matter and its history), we cannot possibly hope to cover everything worthy of investigation, even in a summary and superficial fashion. What we can hope to do however - and what we will do in this course - is cover some particular topics of interest that have been a persistent feature of philosophical discourse throughout the last 2500 years.

Course Goals:

The expectation is that students will leave this course with an understanding of and appreciation for philosophical study. Ideally, students will recognize that the methods of inquiry employed in philosophy have application in every area of life, and will leave the course prepared for more active, critical, and reflective approach when assessing the merits of their own beliefs and the beliefs of others.

Required Text:

(IP) 2013. *Introduction to Philosophy: Classical and Contemporary Readings*. Seventh Edition. Edited by John Perry, Michael Bratman, and John Fischer. New York: Oxford University Press.

Required course materials:

No course materials are required beyond the required texts. Any material not in the course

textbook will be made available on the course website.

Grading Policy:

Grading will be determined by a combination of class attendance and participation, a course response paper, quizzes, and the results of your exams.

Participation	20
Quizzes (Cumulative)	50
Final Exam	15
Response Paper (due at the end of week 4)	15

Grading Scale:

A	90-100	C+	72-74
A-	85-89	C	68-71
B+	82-84	C-	64-67
B	78-81	D	60-63
B-	75-77	F	below 60

Class Rules:

Students are expected to watch course videos having **read** to material assigned for the day, and to be prepared to **engage in active discussion** on the discussion boards about that material. Students should also be ready to follow standard academic rules about academic dishonesty (or “plagiarism”).

Course Schedule:

Video	Notes	Reading
Unit 1: The Mind-Body Problem (Week 1) 1. Introduction 2. Philosophy and Argumentation 3. The Mind-Body Problem 4. Physicalism 5. Objections to Physicalism 6. Philosophical Method 7. Eliminative Materialism	Quiz #1	IP: 1-13 IP: 279-286 IP: 291-294 IP: 287-290
Unit #2: Computational Psychology (Week 1) 8. Computational Theory of Mind 9. Problems for Computational Psychology 10. Responses to Searle	Quiz #2	IP: 308-314 Boden (Blackboard)

<p>Unit #3: Epistemic Norms (Week 2) 11. The Classical View of Knowledge 12. Clifford on Epistemic Obligations 13. James on Epistemic Obligations and Clifford</p>	<p>Quiz #3</p>	<p>Clifford (Blackboard) James (Blackboard)</p>
<p>Unit #4: The Meditations (Week 2) 14. Background on the Meditations 15. Meditation 1 16. Meditation 2 17. Meditation 3 18. Meditation 6</p>	<p>Quiz #4</p>	<p>IP: 157-159 IP: 159-163 IP: 163-169 IP: 174-181</p>
<p>Unit #5: Humean Skepticism (Week 3) 19. Hume's External World Skepticism 20. The Problem of Induction</p>	<p>Quiz #5</p>	<p>IP: 202-211 IP: 237-244, 250-252, 255-256</p>
<p>Unit #6: The Free Will Problem (Week 3) 21. Stating the Free Will Problem 22. Incompatibilism 23. Compatibilism 24. Semi-Compatibilism</p>	<p>Quiz #6</p>	<p>IP: 395-397, 400-406 IP: 397-400, 417-423 IP: 424-439</p>
<p>Unit #7: Normative Ethics (Week 4) 25. Cultural Relativism 26. Utilitarianism 27. Deontological Ethics</p>	<p>Quiz #7</p>	<p>Herskovits + Pojman (Blackboard) IP: 480-483 IP: 544-553, 558-560</p>
<p>Unit #8: Platonic Justice (Week 4) 28. Thrasymachean Views of Justice 29. The Kallipolis 30. Platonic Justice</p>	<p>Quiz #8</p>	<p>IP: 708-723 IP: 723-738 IP: 738-744</p>
<p>Unit #9: The Problem of Evil (Week 5) 31. The Logical Problem of Evil 32. Leibniz's Solution 33. The Free Will Defense</p>	<p>Quiz #9</p>	<p>Mackie (Blackboard) IP: 89-90 Plantinga (Blackboard)</p>
<p>Unit #10: Meaning (Week 5) 34. Meaning in Life 35. The Value of Philosophy</p>	<p>Final Exam</p>	<p>IP: 820-836 IP: 17-20</p>