



EDUCATION BUILT FOR LIFE

Self-Paced Degree Program

PHIL 150–WB Introduction To Philosophy

Web-Based Course Syllabus

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

Course Meeting Place: . uiuLearn

Credits: 3 credit hours

Catalog Course Description: A survey of the significant theories and theorists that have shaped the way human beings perceive their relationship to, and place in, the universe large. This course examines the classic questions of human existence: who are we, where did we come from and what is our destiny. Competing philosophical viewpoints will be represented. Ultimately, students will be encouraged to develop or explain critically their own positions regarding these fundamental problems.

Prerequisites: None. Meets the humanities requirement.

COURSE OBJECTIVES

1. Recognize what makes: a conclusion valid or an inductively strong argument; an action moral or immoral; a statement believed to be true.
2. Explain the various schools of philosophical and moral thought; the history of their development and the rationale for acceptance and their practice by society.
3. Develop a foundation for valid conclusions about perception and belief.
4. Describe what it means to be moral.
5. Explain the process of coming to know that which is called reality.

GENERAL EDUCATION TASK

Upper Iowa's General Education courses reinforce those skills and competencies required for students' success beyond the classroom in the rapidly changing environment of the 21st Century. These skills and competencies include critical reading and thinking, effective listening, problem solving, and reasoning.

GenEd Arts and Humanities (Task 3)

INSTRUCTIONAL MODE

Self Paced Web-based

HOW CREDIT HOURS ARE MET BY THE COURSE

As a requirement of HLC Accreditation, all UIU courses, regardless of meeting schedule or instructional mode, follow the Federal Credit Hour Definition. ***As such, each credit hour earned at UIU is equivalent to a minimum of 45 hours of student engagement.***

For more information on how specific instructional modes meet this requirement, please see *UIU's Policy Guidelines for Instructional Time Expectations*: [UIU Policies](#)

COURSE MATERIALS

It is the student's responsibility to make sure she/he has access to all required course materials by the start of the session.

Ordering Textbooks

Purchase your textbook through the online university bookstore, [MBS Direct](#), by phone at (800) 325-3252, or email: vb@mbsbooks.com.

Required Textbooks

Mitchell, H. B. (2019). *Roots Of Wisdom*. Stamford, CT: Cengage Learning.
ISBN 13: 978-1-337-55980-5

Recommended Resources

APA formatting is required for this course. You can find more information regarding APA formatting at <http://www.uiu.edu/support/academic-success/writing-center/resources.html>

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING CRITERIA

Assignments/Assessment(s)

All assignments will be graded on the basis of 3 main criteria: (1) the critical analysis they show; (2) the command of the course material they show; and (3) the strength of the compositional skills they show to include APA formatting. This means your work should rise to the highest levels of Bloom's Hierarchy. That is, all assignments should demonstrate your ability to analyze (break down and examine) and synthesize (bring diverse claims together) the course material in order to defend your own evaluation of the question at issue. Of course, since understanding precedes criticism in the order of learning, you will also be expected to accurately re-present the philosophical ideas you are considering.

There are assignments every unit except for units 4 and 10 where you take a Midterm and Final Examination. Each examination is based on material covered up to that point in the course.

Turnitin

Turnitin is a tool for both teachers and students to ensure academic integrity by checking the originality of submitted papers to avoid issues of plagiarism and academic dishonesty. Students should be aware that Turnitin scans submitted work and compares it to ALL other sources on file.

Grading Criteria

The course letter grade will be based on the following grading criteria:

Table 1: Course Activities and Points

Activity	Points
Unit One – Assignments 1 & 2	100
Unit Two – Assignments 1 & 2	100
Unit Three – Assignments 1 & 2	100
Unit Four –Midterm Examination	100
Unit Five – Assignments 1 & 2	100
Unit Six – Assignments 1 & 2	100
Unit Seven – Assignments 1 & 2	100
Unit Eight – Assignment 1 & 2	100
Unit Nine – Assignments 1 & 2	100
Unit Ten – Final Examination	100

Grading Scale

This course will use the following scale:

Table 2 Grading Scale

Letter Grade	Percent	Points
A	93-100%	930 – 1000
A-	90-92%	900 – 929
B+	87-89%	870 – 899
B	83-86%	830 – 869
B-	80-82%	800 – 829
C+	77-79%	770 – 799
C	73-76%	730 – 769
C-	70-72%	700 – 729
D+	67-69%	670 – 699
D	63-66%	630 – 669
D-	60-62%	600 – 629
F	0-59%	0 – 599

GRADES AND FEEDBACK

You can expect feedback on your work by way of the method you submitted your assignment. You can expect feedback to be turned around within a week of receipt.

COURSE SCHEDULE

TABLE 3 COURSE SCHEDULE

Unit	Topics of Study	Activities	Assessments
Unit 1	Why Philosophy?	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Historical Interlude A and Chapter 1 • Assignment 1 • Assignment 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Student Autobiography • Written assignment • Written assignment
Unit 2	Reality and Being	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 2 and Historical Interlude B • Assignment 1 • Assignment 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written assignment • Written assignment

Unit	Topics of Study	Activities	Assessments
Unit 3	Human Nature	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 3 • Assignment 1 • Assignment 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written assignment • Written assignment
Unit 4	Philosophy And Ultimate Reality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 4 • Prepare for Exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midterm Exam Covers Chapters 1-4
Unit 5	Knowledge Sources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Historical Interlude C and Chapter 5 • Assignment 1 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written Assignment • Written Assignment
Unit 6	Truth Tests	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 6 • Assignment 1 • Assignment 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written assignment • Written assignment
Unit 7	Aesthetic Experience	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 7 • Read Historical Interlude D • Assignment 1 • Assignment 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written assignment • Written assignment
Unit 8	Political and Social Philosophy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapters 8 and 9 • Assignment 1 • Assignment 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written assignment • Written assignment
Unit 9	Ethics	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Chapter 10 • Assignment 1 • Assignment 2 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Written assignment • Written assignment
Unit 10	Final Reflections	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Read Historical Interlude E • Proctored Exam 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Final Exam

EXTENSION

Students who are enrolled in self-paced courses will be allowed to request one four-month extension and receive an 'X' (extension grade) at the end of their original six month enrollment period if:

- A minimum of one assignment has been received for grading per guidelines **AND**
- All course units and exams are not completed and submitted **OR**
- A course withdrawal has not been initiated

Extension grade details:

- When the extension is granted and an "X" grade is issued, the student will receive a four-month enrollment period to complete the course.
- Students do not have the option to withdraw from a course after the initial six-month enrollment period.
- An 'X' grade posted to the student's official record will be replaced with a final letter grade; however, the extension will remain on the official transcript as a notation.
- If the course is not completed by the end of the extension period, the instructor will assign a final grade (A-F) based on work completed in relation to the total course requirements.
- After that point, credit may be earned only by reenrolling and repeating the course in its entirety.

Note: Students are not reported as enrolled during the extension period and are not eligible for student loan deferment. No more than one extension will be granted.

The fee for a self-paced extension is \$99 per course. To request an extension, the "Self-Paced Course Extension Request" form must be completed and returned to the Self-Paced department. The form can be found at <https://my.uiu.edu> (Academics Tab under Student Forms). The request for an extension and payment must be submitted no earlier than one month before the end of the course and no later than a week before the end of the course. **If you do not request and pay for an extension, a final grade will be issued for the course based on coursework received by the original course end date.**

If you do not wish to use the extension option and will not be able to finish your Self-Paced class by the original six-month end date, you can submit a course withdrawal form before the course end date if you wish to withdraw from the course. The amount of the course refund is determined by the number of lessons submitted as compared to the total due.

Academic Accommodations

It is the policy of Upper Iowa University to ensure equal access to educational and co-curricular activities to students with disabilities as mandated by the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act (ADAAA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973. A student seeking accommodations should contact the Director of Disability Services (DDS) as early in the session as possible. In order to receive accommodations, students must disclose their disability to the DDS by completing a *Voluntary Disclosure Form*, as well as providing appropriate documentation. The *Voluntary Disclosure Form* is available in the DDS office or online at [Disability Services](#). Students will be given a *Request for Accommodations Contract* during their initial appointment with the DDS. **This appointment will be in person for Fayette campus students and over the phone for center, online, and self-paced students.** It is the student's responsibility to provide the instructors with a copy of the *Request for Accommodations Contract* (for Center or online students, these contracts are emailed out to instructors by the DDS for the student). Additionally, students should work cooperatively with their instructors throughout the session to make sure that appropriate accommodations are being made. You can contact the DDS at (563) 425-5949, disabilityservices@uiu.edu, or stop by the office in the Student Center, Office of Student Life, Room 229.

Academic Misconduct Policy

Cheating, academic dishonesty, and plagiarism constitute a violation of the offender's own integrity, as well as the integrity of the entire University; they will not be tolerated. Violators will receive sanctions based on the level of academic misconduct.

Cheating includes, but is not limited to:

- The use of unauthorized books, notes or other sources in the giving or securing of help in an examination or other course assignments.
- The copying of other students' work or allowing others to copy your work. The submission of work that is not your own or allowing others to submit your work as theirs.
- The submission of the same work for two or more classes without the approval of instructors involved.

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to:

- Sharing academic materials knowing they will be used inappropriately.
- Accessing another person's work without permission.
- Providing false or incomplete information on an academic document.
- Changing student records without approval.
- Obtaining and using texts or other materials intended for instructor use only.

Plagiarism includes, but is not limited to:

- The presentation of another's published or unpublished work as one's own.
- Taking words or ideas of another and either copying them or paraphrasing them without proper citation of the source.
- Using charts, graphs, statistics or tables without proper citation.

Levels of Academic Misconduct and Sanctions: The faculty member teaching the course has the primary responsibility for resolving allegations of academic dishonesty, though egregious violations will be resolved by the School administration, the Student Conduct Board, or some combination thereof. Options for resolving an alleged case of academic dishonesty range from dismissing the allegation with no negative sanction to being suspended from the university ([Academic Misconduct Policy: Table 1](#)). A negative sanction is defined as an action taken by the faculty member that affects the student's grade for the assignment or his or her cumulative grade for the course. Alleged acts of academic dishonesty that are resolved without a negative sanction being imposed do not have to be reported to the University. Anytime a negative sanction is imposed the procedures outlined in [Academic Misconduct Policy: Table 1](#) should be followed. The incident will be maintained in a searchable database maintained by the Office Academic Affairs.

Withdrawal (W)

If a student decides to withdraw from a course before the end of an enrollment period, the student's charges, financial aid, tuition assistance, and/or veteran benefits could be affected. All students should consult with the Business Office and Financial Aid Office to understand the financial impact of withdrawing prior to initiating the withdrawal process.

Tuition adjustments are independent from academic and financial aid deadlines. Upon receiving a request for withdrawal, using the number of lessons submitted as compared to the total due, a refund of tuition is made according to the following guideline.

On or before the first day of the enrollment period* 100%

After the first lesson through 10% of the enrollment period 90%

After the first 10% through the first 25% of the enrollment period

50% After the first 25% of the enrollment period 0%

*Enrollment is measured by the number of assignments to be submitted during a six-month period of time, as determined by the University, during which semester credits are earned toward graduation. The refund/repayments shall be calculated using the percentages noted above as determined using the number of assignments completed and the number of assignments yet to be submitted.

For example, if a student submitted 2 of 17 assignments, they completed 11.76% of the class assignments. The student would be refunded 50% of the tuition cost.

For students from Wisconsin, Maryland, Georgia, Oregon, or Arizona, state laws apply. For students enrolled through the cpacredits.com program, no refund is allowed after the first two weeks.

Students who withdraw from a course prior to submitting the first assignment, or who are administratively withdrawn for non-submission of assignments, will be charged an administrative fee of \$99.

Course withdrawal may impact financial aid eligibility. A financial aid counselor is available to discuss this decision.

Upper Iowa University is required to use a pro rata schedule to determine the amount of Title IV aid the student has earned at the time of withdrawal. If financial aid funds have been released to the student because of a credit balance on the student's account at Upper Iowa University, the student may be required to repay some or all of the amount released to the student. This policy is subject to federal regulations. Contact the Financial Aid Office for details.

Withdrawing from a course in progress may result in significant student account charges. Consult with the Business Office before withdrawing. For more information on financial aid implications, go to uiu.edu/financialaid.

Administrative Withdrawal (AW)

A grade of AW (administrative withdrawal) is recorded for any course from which a student is administratively withdrawn. **At least one complete assignment/unit must be received and verified by the instructor within the first 60 days of the enrollment period or the student will be administratively withdrawn from the course.** Students who are administratively withdrawn for non-submission of assignments, will be charged an administrative fee of \$99. Students through the cpacredits.com partnership follow the withdrawal policy listed above. Non-Attendance (NA): Never attended grades are not applicable to the Self-Paced Degree Program.

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