

**PHI 100 2 00**  
**Introduction to Philosophy**

MWF 10-10:50

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**Course Description**

This course is an introduction to philosophy, which is the oldest of all the academic disciplines. It is the inquiry into all areas of human existence and endeavor, motivated by the desire to know and to learn. We will look back into the history of philosophy and study the different questions philosophers have asked, and the methods they have used to answer those questions. The answers they offer are not necessarily *the* answers, but nonetheless there is much we can learn from them. But even more importantly, we will ask our own questions, about our own world, using the tools of philosophical discourse.

**Texts**

*Historical Introduction to Philosophy*, Albert B. Hakim

**Requirements**

Short Papers (2)	30%
Tests (3)	60%
Attendance/Participation	10%

**Course Objectives**

Students completing this course will achieve

- A good understanding of the theories of the major figures of Western philosophy
- The ability to consider philosophical concepts in a modern context
- An improved ability to think analytically and creatively
- Improved writing skills

These objectives will be assessed on the basis of papers and exams.

**Course Policies**

- Students must submit all required work to pass the course.
- Students must retain a hard copy of all submitted work.
- Work that is submitted late without prior consent from the instructor will be penalized 1/3 grade per day until it is received.

- Plagiarism will be penalized either with a failing grade for the paper, or with a failing grade for the course, depending on the severity of the case, at my discretion.

### **Classroom Policies**

To create an environment within which we can all learn from each other, all members of the classroom must make every effort to be

- Respectful of others' opinions
- Prepared to participate
- Quiet and attentive when another is speaking
- Punctual

**\*\*\*\*Anyone who is habitually disruptive may be asked to leave the course.\*\*\*\***

**Please make sure to silence or turn off your cell phones prior to class.**

### **Communication Policy**

In keeping with Cedar Crest College policy and federal law regarding student privacy, all communications must be made using your Cedar Crest College email account. I will frequently email the entire class regarding assignments utilizing Cedar Crest College email accounts. And I will respond only to emails from you that carry your Cedar Crest college email address. If you wish to have emails forwarded to an off-campus account, our Information Services department can assist you.

### **Statement on Accommodations**

Students with documented disabilities who may need academic accommodations should discuss these needs with their professors during the first two weeks of class. Students with disabilities who wish to request accommodations should contact the Advising Center.

### **Readings and Assignments**

*The assignments are due on the day indicated. That is, you should do the reading listed on each date for the date of that class. Papers are due on the date they are listed and tests will be held on the date they are listed.*

Aug. 25	First day of class
Aug. 27	Mythology
Aug. 29	Hakim, pp. 11-21 (Pre-Socratics)
Sept. 1	<b>Labor Day - No classes</b>

Sept. 3 Hakim, pp. 21-26 (Pre-Socratics)

Sept. 5 Hakim, pp. 30-50 (Socrates)

Sept. 8 Hakim, pp. 54-65 (Plato)

Sept. 10 Hakim, pp. 65-67 (Plato)

Sept. 12 Hakim, pp. 101-106 (Aristotle)

Sept. 15 Hakim, pp. 107-116 (Aristotle)

Sept. 17 Hakim, pp. 126-132 (Epicurus)

Sept. 19 Hakim, pp. 142-147 (Marcus Aurelius)

Sept. 22 Review for test

Sept. 24 TEST 1

Sept. 26 Hakim, pp. 153-163 (Augustine)

Sept. 29 Hakim, pp. 163-172 (Augustine)

Oct. 1 Video

Oct. 3 No class

Oct. 6 Hakim, pp. 189-199 (Aquinas)

Oct. 8 Hakim, pp. 199-204 (Aquinas)

Oct. 10 Descartes Handout  
**Paper #1 due**

Oct. 13 Fall break

Oct. 15 Descartes Handout

Oct. 17 Hakim, pp. 304-316 (Hobbes)

Oct. 20 Hakim, pp. 318-330 (Locke)

Oct. 22 Hakim, pp. 330-339 (Locke)

Oct. 24 Hakim, pp. 353-364 (Berkeley)

Oct. 27 Hakim, pp. 365-379 (Hume)

Oct. 29 Review

Oct. 31 **Test 2**

Nov. 3 Hakim, pp.397-402 (Kant)

Nov. 5 Hakim, pp. 419-426 (Hegel)

Nov. 7 Hakim, pp. 434-437 (Mill)

Nov. 10 Hakim, pp. 444-448 (Mill)

Nov. 12 H.T. Mill handout

Nov. 14 Hakim, pp. 461-464) (Kierkegaard)

Nov. 17 Hakim, pp. 464-470 (Kierkegaard)

Nov. 19 Hakim, p. 472-477, 481-484 (Nietzsche) (**Paper 2 due**)

Nov. 21 Hakim, pp. pp. 486-499 (Marx)

Nov. 24 de Beauvoir handout

Nov. 26 No class - Thanksgiving

Nov. 28 No class - Thanksgiving

Dec. 1 Hakim, pp. 564-573 (Sartre)

Dec. 3 Hakim, pp. 573-579 (Sartre)

Dec. 5 "Truth and Politics" Hannah Arendt

Dec. 8 Review for test