

**PHI 100 Introduction to Philosophy
Cedar Crest College**

**Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays 10-10:50
Alumnae Hall 212
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Textbook

Historical Introduction to Philosophy, Albert B. Hakim

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.

Course 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.

Honor Philosophy

This class will be conducted in complete accord with the principles of the Cedar Crest College Honor Philosophy.

Statement on Accommodations

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

Course Policies

- All work must be submitted to pass the course.
- Academic dishonesty will be penalized with either a failing grade for the assignment or a failing grade for the course, at my discretion.
- 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
- I will only respond to emails sent through your Cedar Crest email account, in order to comply with federal regulations designed to protect your privacy. In addition, I will only send emails to your Cedar Crest email account.
- Cell phones must be set to silent mode.
- Anyone texting during class will be asked to leave and will have that day recorded as an absence. If that is a day on which we are having a test, the test grade will be recorded as an F.
- Habitual lateness will be treated as an absence, in accordance with the absence policy

Readings and Assignments

M August 24	Introduction to course. Review the syllabus
W August 26	Mythology
F August 28	Hakim, pp. 11-21 (Pre-Socratics)
M August 31	Hakim, pp. 21-26 (Pre-Socratics)
W September 2	Hakim, pp. 30-50 (Socrates)
F September 4	Hakim, pp. 54-65 (Plato)
M September 7 – No class (Labor Day)	
W September 9	Hakim, pp. 65-67 (Plato)
F September 11	Hakim, pp. 101-106 (Aristotle)
M September 14	Hakim, pp. 107-116 (Aristotle)
W September 16	Hakim, pp. 126-132 (Epicurus)
F September 18	Hakim, pp. 142-147 (Marcus Aurelius)
M September 21	Review for test
W September 23	TEST 1
F September 25	Hakim, pp. 149-161 (Augustine)
M September 28	Hakim, pp. 163-173 (Augustine)
W September 30	Hakim, pp. 181-187 (Anselm)
F October 2	Hakim, pp. 189-199 (Aquinas)
M October 5	Hakim, pp. 199-204 (Aquinas)
W October 7	Descartes Handout
F October 9	Descartes Handout
M October 12 – No class (Fall Break)	

W October 14 Hakim, pp. 304-316 (Hobbes)

F October 16 Hakim, pp. 318-330 (Locke)

M October 19 Hakim, pp. 330-339 (Locke) **Paper due**

W October 21 Hakim, pp. 353-364 (Berkeley)

F October 23 – No class (Inauguration of President Ambar)

M October 26 Hakim, pp. 365-379 (Hume)

W October 28 Review for test

F October 30 **TEST**

M November 2 Hakim, pp. 397-402 (Kant)

W November 4 Hakim, pp. 408-411 (Kant)

F November 6 Hakim, pp. 434-437 (Mill)

M November 9 Hakim, pp. 444-448 (Mill)

W November 11 H.T. Mill handout

F November 13 Hakim, pp. 461-464) (Kierkegaard)

M November 16 Hakim, pp. 464-470 (Kierkegaard)

W November 18 Hakim, p. 472-477, 481-484 (Nietzsche)

F November 20 Hakim, pp. pp. 486-499 (Marx)

M November 23 de Beauvoir handout **Paper due**

M November 30 Hakim, pp. 564-573 (Sartre)

W December 2 Hakim, pp. 626-631

F December 4 Hakim, pp.637-643

M December 7 Review for test

T December 8 (Friday schedule) **TEST**