

COURSE NUMBER: Vr202	COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Philosophy
TERMS OFFERED: Fall	PREREQUISITES: None
TEXTBOOKS/REQUIRED MATERIAL: All reading assignments are from the internet. Most are original readings from classical and contemporary philosophers. Some readings are introductory materials from various web sites.	INSTRUCTOR: Heinz Luegenbiehl DATE OF PREPARATION: October 9, 2012
INSTRUCTOR(S): Heinz Luegenbiehl	SCIENCE/DESIGN: n/a
CATALOG DESCRIPTION: Students are introduced to the methodology of Western philosophy and to the major areas of philosophy, such as metaphysics, epistemology, ethics, and philosophy of religion. Major historical philosophers and their writings are used as examples, including Plato, Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, and Kant. Emphasis is placed on student participation in class and on written philosophical reflections.	COURSE TOPICS <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The nature of philosophy 2. Socrates' life, his trial, and his death 3. Plato's metaphysics and epistemology from <u>The Republic</u> 4. Descartes' <u>Meditations on First Philosophy</u> 5. British empiricism of Locke, Berkeley, and Hume 6. Immanuel Kant's Copernican revolution 7. Theories of ethics, including Utilitarianism and Kantianism 8. Philosophy of religion-arguments regarding God's existence
COURSE STRUCTURE/SCHEDULE: Lecture: 1 ½ times per week, 90 minutes each	
COURSE OBJECTIVES [Course Outcomes in brackets]	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. To provide opportunities for students to become acquainted with some of the fundamental issues in philosophy. [1, 2, 3] 2. To provide opportunities to master the basic ideas of some major classical and contemporary philosophers. [1,2,3] 3. To provide opportunities for students to do philosophy by reflecting on fundamental questions of concern to every human being.[4,5,6] 4. To provide extensive writing and analysis opportunities.[4,5,6]
COURSE OUTCOMES [Program Outcomes in brackets]	<p>After completing Vr202, students should be able to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Demonstrate knowledge of the fundamental philosophical ideas of major philosophers.. [f,h,I,j] 2. Demonstrate knowledge of fundamental issues in philosophy. [f,h,I,j] 3. Demonstrate the ability to read and understand original works of philosophy in English.[g,h,j] 4. Demonstrate the ability to write analytic philosophic discussions.[g,h] 5. Demonstrate the ability to write original philosophic essays. [g,h,j] 6. Demonstrate the ability to participate in oral philosophic discussions.[g,h]
ASSESSMENT TOOLS [Course Outcomes in brackets]	<p>Midterm Exam[1,2,3,4,5] Final Exam [1,2,3,4,5] Written reflections [1,2,4,5] Class attendance and participation [3,6]</p>

