

Intro to Philosophy

PHIL 2010 (4E69)SumB-'14
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Lectures: MTWRF period 5 (2:00-3:15pm), Griffin Floyd (FLO) 100

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Description: What is it to live a good life? What is to be a good person? Can we act freely? What is the soul? Does God exist? What, if anything, can we know about the world? What are the fundamental constituents of the world? These questions and more will occupy us as we explore the main areas of Western philosophy and their importance to society and ourselves.

Readings: i) Coursepack 1 at UF bookstore;ii) Coursepack 2 on course website

Writing Credits: Gordon Rule 4: Essay 1 (2000 words); Essay 2 (2000 words)

Evaluation: Homework 30% (10 in total), Essay 1 15% (July. 21), Essay 2 15% (Aug. 4), Exam 30% (Aug. 8), Attendance 5%, Participation 5%; Participation is based on contribution to class discussion: 5/5 (excellent); 4/5 (good); 3/5 (avg); 2/5 (below avg); 1/5 none

Grading Scales: Final GPA grade is assigned according to UF policy, which can be found here: <https://catalog.ufl.edu/ugrad/current/regulations/info/grades.aspx>. The corresponding percent grade is assigned as follows.

A+	A	A-	B+	B	B-
97.7-100	93.4-97.6	90-93.3	87.7-89.9	83.4-87.6	80-83.3
C+	C	C-	D+	D	D-
77.7-79.9	73.4-77.6	70-73.3	67.7-69.9	63.4-67.6	60-63.3

Absences and Excuses: Attendance will be taken at each lecture. It is recommended that you attend all classes. Two unexcused absences will not count against the overall attendance grade but all subsequent absences result in a deduction. The final attendance grade will be assigned on a regressive scale between 2 unexcused absences (A grade) and 6 (D- grade). Note that missing more than 6 classes results in a failure grade. Also, in order to pass the class, students must take the tests on the scheduled dates. In particular it is not possible to reschedule tests to accommodate flights or early departures. Only officially documented emergencies are accepted as excuses for a missed test or deadline.

Disabilities Accommodation: Students requesting disabilities accommodation must first contact the Dean of Students Office. The documentation obtained there is then forwarded to the instructor.

Academic Integrity: All UF students are required to abide by the Student Honor Code, found here: <http://www.dso.ufl.edu/sccr/process/>. Clear evidence of academic dishonesty means an automatic failing grade for the course. This includes plagiarism on homework assignments and tests. Any act of academic dishonesty is reported to the Dean's Office and withdraw from the course is not possible.

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Lecture	Date	Topic	Reading
1	06/30	Introduction	
2	07/01	Poetry and Knowledge	Sophocles, <i>Antigone</i> Belic, "Argumentation"
3	07/02	Socratic Method	Plato, "Euthyphro"
4	07/03	Relativism	Rachels, "The Challenge of Cultural Relativism"
	07/04	Holiday	Holiday - no classes
5	07/07	Utilitarianism	Bentham, <i>The Principles of Moral Legislation</i> Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i>
6	07/08		Singer, "Famine, Affluence and Morality"
7	07/09	Deontology	O'Neil, "A Simplified Kantian Ethics"
8	07/10	Libertarianism	Nozick, <i>Anarchy, State and Utopia</i>
9	07/11	Socialism	Marx, <i>Communist Manifesto</i>
10	07/14	Socialism cont	Neilson, "A Moral Case for Socialism"
11	07/15	Liberalism	Rawls, <i>A Theory of Justice</i>
12	07/16	Determinism	Blatchford, "Not Guilty"
13	07/17	Free will	Campbell, "In Defense of Free will"
14	07/18	Mind Dualism	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> , II
15	07/21	Identity Theory	Smart, "Sensations and Brain Processes"
16	07/22	Behaviorism	Turing, "Computing Machinery and Intelligence" Ryle, "Concept of Mind"
17	07/23	Functionalism	Searle, "Minds Brains and Programs"
18	07/24	The Problem of Evil	Mackie, "Evil and Omnipotence"
19	07/25	Design Argument for God	Hume, <i>Dialogues of Natural Religion</i>
20	07/28	Ontological Arg for God	St. Anselm, "Proslogion" Gaunillo, "On Behalf of the Fool Kant"
21	07/29	Pascal's Wager for God	Pascal, <i>Pensees</i>
22	07/30	Scepticism	Clifford, "Ethics of Belief", Belic, "Knowledge" Sextus Empiricus, <i>Outlines of Pyrrhonism</i>
23	07/31	Empiricism and Realism	Locke, <i>Essay on Human Understanding</i> , II
24	08/01	Empiricism and Idealism	Berkeley, <i>Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonus</i>
25	08/04	Rationalism	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> I, II Kant, "What is the Enlightenment?"
26	08/05	Innate Ideas	Locke, <i>Essay on Human Understanding</i> , I
27	08/06	Logical Positivism	Ayer, <i>Logic, Truth and Logic</i>
28	08/07	Exam Review	
	08/08	Final Exam (FLO100)	