Introduction to Philosophy, 101
Westminster College
Summer Online 2015

Course Description: Major areas of study and concern in philosophy include epistemology, metaphysics, ethics and political theory. The first of these, epistemology, deals with how we come to know and form justified beliefs, metaphysics inquires into what is real, God(s), minds, souls, freedom, etc. Ethics is the study of proper conduct and or how we ought to behave and political theory concerns itself with what might be termed ethics for mass society. This class will touch on all four of these topics in addition to developing reading comprehension and writing skills.

Course Over-View: The class will begin at the beginning of Philosophy, move to Socrates and Plato before covering David Hume, an 18th century thinker and the work of Susan Haack, a contemporary British philosopher.

Course Structure and Assignments

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| A. Three   | Plato, Book One.  
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| A. Eight   | Plato, Book Eight.  
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Final Grades and Grading

Final grades will be awarded in terms of the traditional 90% or higher is an A, 80% or higher is a B, 70% or higher is a C, 60% or higher is a D and less than 60% is a F.

When submitting the assignments or study guides please return them via email. Please return the entire study guide with your answers to the multiple choice questions selected by either putting an * by the answer you want to select or by high-lighting the answer you want to select.

The multiple choice questions are worth half of the grade on a given assignment and the essay is worth the other half. When writing the essays assume I know little or nothing about the subject and then explain it to me as if I was a friend or a younger sibling, etc. The essays are graded in terms of completeness, errors and omissions, thus be sure to fully answer each part of the question and in terms of the reading. Outside research is fine and encouraged but the essays should be answered in terms of the reading assigned.

Required Texts


This is available for free at the following web-site.

http://www.infidels.org/library/historical/david_hume/human_understanding.html

The following should give you a good idea about how much time you will be spending in this class and where your efforts will probably be expended.

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