

2016-17 年下學期

科目編號：**PHIL2060A**

科目名稱：哲學與人生處境(Philosophy
and Human
Conditions)

上課時間、地點：**W 3:30pm-6:15pm (ERB 408)**

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科目簡介：

This course is a small-class ‘problem-oriented’ seminar. It is designed for second-year major students to develop an ability to analyze and reflect on contemporary human conditions from a philosophical perspective. Main topics may include: life and death; the meaning of life; faiths and religions; human’s place in nature; self, freedom, and rights; technological revolution and human alienation; love and friendship.

學習成果：

- 1) Understand contemporary human conditions from a philosophical point of view.
- 2) Develop own critical views on the meanings and values of life.
- 3) Research further the issues taught.
- 4) Learn how to reason and argue cogently in group discussions and debates.

課題：

1. Understanding the Question of Life's Meaning
2. What Does God Have to Do with the Meaning of Life?
3. The Loss of Meaning in a World Without God
4. Finding Meaning in a World Without God
5. The Meaning of Life and the Way Life Ends: Death, Futility, and Hope

	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Required reading</i>
1	General Introduction	
2	Understanding the	Philosophy and the Meaning of Life / Robert Nozick

	Question of Life's Meaning	
3	Understanding the Question of Life's Meaning	The Concept of a Meaningful Life / Thaddeus Metz
4	Understanding the Question of Life's Meaning	Assessing Views of Life: A Subjective Affair? / Arjan Markus
5	What Does God Have to Do with the Meaning of Life?	The Absurdity of Life without God/ William Lane Craig
6	What Does God Have to Do with the Meaning of Life?	Religion and Value: The Problem of Heteronomy / John Cottingham
7	The Loss of Meaning in a World Without God	On the Vanity of Existence / Arthur Schopenhauer
8	The Loss of Meaning in a World Without God	The Absurd / Thomas Nagel
9	The Loss of Meaning in a World Without God	Why Coming into Existence Is Always a Harm / David Benatar
10	Finding Meaning in a World Without God	Time and Life's Meaning / Richard Taylor
11	Finding Meaning in a World Without God	The Meanings of Lives / Susan Wolf
12	The Meaning of Life and the Way Life Ends	Why Immortality Is Not So Bad / John Martin Fischer
13	The Meaning of Life and the Way Life Ends	Divine Hiddenness, Death, and Meaning / Paul K. Moser

課程筆記、大綱、閱讀材料及一切有關學習問題皆通過 **Blackboard** 進行。

評核方法：

Task nature	Description	Weight
Final paper	A final paper of 3000 - 5000 words	40% of overall mark
4 Quizz	You get at most 5 points for each quiz	20% of overall mark
Presentation	Group oral presentation 30-45 mins.	30% of overall mark
Class Participation	You may miss 3 classes with no penalty; after that, you lose 1 point for each class you miss unless you have very good reason for missing that class.	10% of overall mark

指定閱讀資料：

1. Seachris, Joshua W., *Exploring the meaning of life : an anthology and guide*, Chichester, West Sussex : Wiley-Blackwell, 2013.

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