

PHIL2060 Philosophy and Human Condition
A Preliminary Course Outlines*

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Course Objectives

This course is a small-class 'problem-oriented' seminar. It is designed for first-year major students to develop an ability to analyze and reflect on contemporary human conditions from a philosophical perspective.

Learning Outcomes

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.

Course Structure

Weeks 1: Introduction

Weeks 2-4: Brain-storming and deliberation on presentation topics and approaches

Weeks 5-8: Discussion of readings

Week 9-14: Class presentations

- Two individual presentations each week
- Each student will comment on two of the presentations
- Every student will submit a reflective journal on each presentation by others.

Assessment

- Individual class presentation: (process and product): ~30%
- Participation: Journals & Comments on others' presentations: ~40%
- Term end essay ~30%

*Please be advised that this is only a preliminary outline. A final version of the course outline will be distributed in the first lecture session. In case of any discrepancy between this version and the final version, the latter shall prevail.