

PHIL 2060B
Philosophy and Human Conditions 哲學與人生處境*

Course Outline

Time : W 10:30am-1:15pm	Location : LSB C4
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Course overview (as shown on CUSIS)

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.

Advisory: For Majors (4-year curriculum) only; to be taken in year 1.

Learning outcomes (as shown on CUSIS)

- 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.

Topics

Topics will be selected by students in consultation with teacher.

Course Schedule and Learning Activities

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 scheme

<i>Task nature</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Essays	Term Essay	30%
Participation	Class participation and reflective journals	40%
Presentation	Individual project presentation (process and product)	30%

Grade Descriptor

Please refer to: http://phil.arts.cuhk.edu.hk/~phidept/UG/Grade_descriptors.pdf

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*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.

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