

PHIL3693
Topics in Political Philosophy 政治哲學專題

‘Intellectual Virtues (and Vices) and Political Philosophy’

Course Outline

Time : H 10:30am-1:15pm

Location :

ELB 206

Course overview

General description:

The course examines selected topics in political philosophy. The specific content of the course varies from semester to semester. Offerings with different subtitles can be taken up for credit, up to a maximum of two times.

More specific description:

Course title: ‘Intellectual Virtues (and Vices) and Political Philosophy’

Introduction: Suppose you agree with me that the moral character of government officials and politicians matters. What about their intellectual character? Should they (like university students?) care about truth, facts, and intellectual honesty? Why? Maybe officials and politicians in general are hopeless (?). If so, what about the intellectual character of ordinary citizens (you and me)? Should we be intellectually virtuous? What exactly is the relation between a person’s moral character and her intellectual character? In this course, we will try to answer these questions. This is an advanced philosophy course, and it lies at the intersection of ethics, political philosophy, and epistemology.

Advisory to Majors: to be taken in year 2 or above.

Learning outcomes (as shown on CUSIS)

1. Understand the key concepts, major issues, and prominent positions in the selected topics of the course.
2. Critically discuss and evaluate the major issues and positions in the topics.
3. Demonstrate familiarity with the primary/secondary source texts.
4. Demonstrate skills in argumentative discussion and in writing about issues in political philosophy.
5. Demonstrate ability to articulate and defend one’s own philosophical theses with clarity.

Topics

(A detailed course outline will be available later.)

Learning activities

1. Lecture, and class participation
2. Reading (advice: read slowly and carefully)
3. Tutorial
4. Term essay

Details of course website

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