

PHIL1110
Introduction to Philosophy 哲學概論

Course Outline

Time: T 10:30am-12:15pm

Location: ARCG04

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Course overview (as shown on CUSIS)

This course is a general introduction to philosophical thinking and problems. Students will gain a basic familiarity with some of the major philosophical fields, figures and issues; be encouraged to develop their own views and to defend them with critical reasoning. Topics to be discussed may include: notion of philosophy; nature of philosophical problems; the importance of philosophical reflection; methods of philosophy; concepts and theories of self, world, categories, and value; and selected topics in ethics, metaphysics, and the theory of knowledge.

Learning outcomes (as shown on CUSIS)

1. Grasp basic concepts in philosophical thinking.
2. Ability to reflect in a critical manner on philosophical issues and their relations.
3. Understand the importance of philosophical reflection and bring it to bear on things that matter in life.

Topics

Learning activities

Lectures, class discussion, online discussion forum, essays, review prompts, final examination

Assessment scheme as prescribed on CUSIS (revise if necessary)

<i>Task nature</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Weight</i>
Essays	Two short essays	40%
Final exam		30%
Online discussion forum	Regular contributions to online discussion forum	30%

Remarks on Assessment Scheme (if any)

Grade Descriptor

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

Recommended learning resources

Course schedule

<i>Week</i>	<i>Topics</i>	<i>Teaching Mode</i> <i>Online / in-campus</i>	<i>Required reading</i>	<i>Tutorials</i>	<i>Remarks</i>
1	Introduction				
2	Logic and critical thinking		Course notes		
3	Logic and critical thinking		Course notes		
4	Metaphysics: What is there?		Course notes and primary source readings		
5	Metaphysics: The problem of evil		Course notes and primary source readings		
6	Epistemology: What is knowledge?		Course notes and primary source readings		
7	Epistemology: Do we have knowledge?		Course notes and primary source readings		
8	Ethics: Why be moral?		Course notes and primary source readings		
9	Ethics: Why be moral?		Course notes and primary source readings		
10	Ethics: Right and wrong		Course notes and primary source		

			readings		
11	Ethics: Right and wrong		Course notes and primary source readings		
12	Political authority		Course notes and primary source readings		
13	Political authority		Course notes and primary source readings		

Details of course website

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