

Course Code: PHIL *1000	Section: 02	Semester: F12
Course Title: Introductory Philosophy: Major Texts		
Instructor: Jeff Mitscherling		
<p>Brief course Synopsis:</p> <p>This course has three chief goals:</p> <p>(1) to introduce the students to some of the major texts of western philosophy;</p> <p>(2) to familiarize the students with some basic philosophical concepts, terminology and problems drawn from three of the major branches of philosophy—namely, metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics;</p> <p>(3) to supply the students with a general historical framework in which to locate major figures and movements in philosophy and religion.</p> <p>We shall proceed historically, beginning with earlier thinkers and ending with later. The format of the course will be lecture and tutorial. The lectures will (i) provide the students with a general conceptual and historical framework for western—and, to a lesser extent, eastern—thought, and (ii) introduce and clarify those basic philosophical issues raised in the readings for the course that will constitute the material for tutorial discussion.</p> <p>The authors to be covered some or all of the following: Plato, Aristotle, Thomas Aquinas, Descartes, Kant, and Nietzsche.</p>		