

Preliminary Course Syllabus (Slightly Adjusted After First Week of Class)

Introduction to Philosophy

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A. Instructor

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Teaching Schedule	Research Methods	T, Th	9-10:15	In-person version of this course.
	Research Methods	Web		This is the full web section of the Research Methods course. It will run generally in parallel with the in-person version.
	Introduction to Philosophy	T, Th	12:00-1:15	
	Ethics in Science	Web		

Office Hours                      Monday 11:30-1:30, Tuesday and Thursday 10:30-11:30  
By appointment otherwise  
Optional Online Chat Room virtual office hours announced from week to week

B. Course Description in UCF Catalog

Inquiry into the meaning and justification of fundamental ideas and beliefs concerning reality, knowledge, and values; application to relevant topics in ethics, religion, and politics.

C. Course Text

All readings will be online or distributed in class.

D. Course Grade

1/5 Exam One.	25 multiple choice plus 1 in-class essay and 1 take-home essay
1/5 Exam Two.	25 multiple choice plus 1 in-class essay and 1 take-home essay
1/5 Exam Three	25 multiple choice plus 1 in-class essay and 1 take-home essay
1/5 10 Online Quizzes	Each quiz is 10 multiple choice questions online
1/5 Final Exam	25 multiple choice plus 1 in-class essay and 1 take-home essay

Plus-Minus. We will not use the plus minus grading system.

General Grading Criteria for Essays: Clarity of thesis, support for thesis, awareness of objections to thesis and its supporting reasoning, response to objections, overall logical coherence, and quality of writing.

Warning: Please be very careful to avoid plagiarism in essays and in Discussion postings. In general, you are most welcome, indeed encouraged, to seek outside sources (written, online, or in-person) for material but must report the source, including page numbers. Paraphrases and direct quotations should be in quotation marks and footnoted. You are welcome to use an informal footnote style by inserting a brief reference inside parentheses in your text that refers to an item that you list in a bibliography at the end of your paper.

The consequences of plagiarism will be an “F” on the assignment, a possible “F” on the exam (if it occurs on an exam), a possible “F” in the course, and required recommendation to Student Conduct for further disciplinary action, including dismissal from UCF.