

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

Honors Introduction to Philosophy

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A. Instructor

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Teaching Schedule	Introduction to Philosophy	M, W, F 10:30-11:20 PSY 108
	Honors Introduction to Philosophy	M, W, F 11:30-12:20 BHC 131
	Ethics in Science	Web
<u>Office Hours</u>	Monday and Friday	9-10:15 AM and 12:30-1:45 PM,
	Thursday	9:30-1:45
	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.	15 multiple choice, short answer essay, and fill in the blank questions plus 1 in-class essay and 1 take-home essay
1/5 Exam Two.	15 multiple choice short answer essay, and fill in the blank questions plus 1 in-class essay and 1 take-home essay
1/5 Exam Three	15 multiple choice short answer essay, and fill in the blank questions plus 1 in-class essay and 1 take-home essay

1/5 Top 8 Online Quizzes	10 online quizzes posted midnight each Friday and closing the following Monday at midnight. Covers in-class presentations and discussions from that week plus readings for that week.
1/5 Final Exam	15 multiple choice, short answer essay, and fill in the blank questions 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.

E. Course Exams

Exam One	In class Monday 30 January
Exam Two	In class Monday 27 February
Spring Break	13-18 March
Withdrawal Deadline	Wednesday 22 March
Exam Three	In class Monday 10 April
Top 8 Online Quizzes	10 online quizzes posted midnight each Friday and closing the following Monday at midnight. Covers in-class presentations and discussions from that week plus readings for that week.
Last Day of Our Class	Monday 24 April
Comprehensive Final Exam	In classroom Wednesday 26 April 10:00 AM-12:50 PM

F. Comments on Course Exams

Required Exams. Exams consist of roughly 15 multiple choice, short answer essay, and fill in the blank questions plus the two essays (one in-class and one take-home) listed below.

One 1-2 page essay is written in class selected from a list of at least 5 questions distributed with the exam.

One 2-3 page take-home essay is to be submitted to Turnitin.com by midnight of the day of the Exam. Please use course ID of 143553821 with password of Pinball1564 . Make up exams arranged individually as needed. Standard documentation may be requested.

Review Sheets. For each exam, review sheets posted online in an area in a folder in the Files area of the course website with that exam’s name (“Exam One Information”, for example).

G. Course Reading Pages

Reading pages for each unit will be posted online in the Pages area of the course website. Online readings to supplement the paper readings will be posted for each unit on the course website.

Additional Parts of Syllabus Posted This Weekend