

**NEOSHO COUNTY COMMUNITY COLLEGE  
MASTER COURSE SYLLABUS**

**COURSE IDENTIFICATION**

Course Code/Number: HUM 103

Course Title: Intro to Philosophy

KRSN: PHL1010  
(Kansas Regents Shared Number)

Please visit the Kansas Board of Regents website for more information.

Division:  Applied Science (AS)  Liberal Arts (LA)  Workforce Development (WD)  
 Health Care (HC)  Lifetime Learning (LL)  Nursing  Developmental

Credit Hour(s): Three (3)

Effective Date: SU 2018

Assessment Goal Per Outcome: 70%

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This course will use the writings of major philosophers to introduce the student to philosophical issues and major schools of thought on philosophical topics. Major topics will include epistemology, metaphysics, ethical philosophy, political philosophy, religious philosophy and existentialism.

**MINIMUM REQUIREMENTS/PREREQUISITES AND/OR COREQUISITES**

None

**TEXTS**

The official list of textbooks and materials for this course is found on *myNeosho*.

<http://www.neosho.edu/ProspectiveStudents/Registration/CourseSyllabi.aspx>

## **GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES**

1. Practice Responsible Citizenship through:
  - identifying rights and responsibilities of citizenship,
  - identifying how human values and perceptions affect and are affected by social diversity,
  - identifying and interpreting artistic expression.
2. Live a healthy lifestyle (physical, intellectual, social) through:
  - listing factors associated with a healthy lifestyle and lifetime fitness,
  - identifying the importance of lifetime learning,
  - demonstrating self-discipline, respect for others, and the ability to work collaboratively as a team.
3. Communicate effectively through:
  - developing effective written communication skills,
  - developing effective oral communication and listening skills.
4. Think analytically through:
  - utilizing quantitative information in problem solving,
  - utilizing the principles of systematic inquiry,
  - utilizing various information resources including technology for research and data collection.

## **COURSE OUTCOMES/COMPETENCIES (as Required)**

The learning outcomes and competencies detailed in this course outline or syllabus meet or exceed the learning outcomes and competencies specified by the Kansas Core Outcomes Groups project for this course as approved by the Kansas Board of Regents.

Upon successful completion of the course, the student will:

1. Recognize the significance of philosophy in a broader cultural and historical context.
  - A. Students will show familiarity with the development of various philosophical traditions during some of their major periods.
  - B. Students will recognize key characteristics of philosophical inquiry such as its emphasis on careful reasoning and analysis and how it differs from other kinds of inquiry.
2. Demonstrate familiarity with and understanding of basic philosophical theories, terminology and concepts.
  - A. Students will show familiarity with at least one of the major divisions of Philosophy as determined by the individual instructor. Examples might include Epistemology, Metaphysics and Ethics.
  - B. Students will be able to explain key philosophical terms within historical periods (examples might include the Ancient Greeks, Romans, or Modern Philosophy), schools of thought (examples might include rationalism, empiricism, and existentialism), or problems in philosophy (examples might include the existence of God, the free will/determinism question, etc.).
  - C. Students will demonstrate understanding of major philosophical theories within historical periods, schools of thought, or problems within philosophy as chosen by the instructor.

3. Identify and develop in writing philosophical analyses and arguments based on philosophical reasoning.
  - A. Students will distinguish between valid and fallacious arguments and recognize examples of each.
  - B. Students will provide cogent reasons in support of contentious philosophical claims.
4. Evaluate, in writing, philosophical analyses, arguments, and texts and appreciate alternative points of view.
  - A. Students will show familiarity with some classic philosophical arguments within historical periods (examples might include Plato and Aristotle on the Theory of Forms), within schools of thought (examples might include Descartes and Hume on innate ideas), or within problems in philosophy (examples might include those for and against the reality of free will, the existence of God, the possibility of certainty, etc.).
  - B. Students will be familiar with a variety of philosophical positions on contentious issues such as the nature of the mind, the sources of knowledge, and the nature of the good.
  - C. Students will be able evaluate competing theories and arguments, providing their own positions supported by valid arguments.

### **MINIMUM COURSE CONTENT**

The following topics must be included in this course. Additional topics may also be included.

- A. Critical thinking skills.
- B. Historical development of philosophical thought.
- C. Metaphysics
- D. Epistemology
- E. Ethical philosophy
- F. Political philosophy.
- G. Philosophy of religion.
- H. Existentialism

### **STUDENT REQUIREMENTS AND METHOD OF EVALUATION**

#### INSTRUCTIONAL METHODS

For specific instructional methods see the syllabus supplement on the syllabus page for this class on myNeosho.

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A = 90–100% B = 80–89% C = 70–79% D = 60–69% F = 0–59%

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## **ASSESSMENT OF STUDENT GAIN**

The purpose of assessing student learning at Neosho County Community College is to ensure the educational purposes of the institution are met and appropriate changes are made in program development and classroom instruction to allow for student success. The instructor(s) of this course will determine the methods of assessment most appropriate and complete an assessment report at the end of the course.

### **Attendance Policy**

1. NCCC values interactive learning which promotes student engagement in the learning process. To be actively engaged, the student must be present in the learning environment.
2. Unless students are participating in a school activity or are excused by the instructor, they are expected to attend class. If a student's absences exceed one-eighth of the total course duration, (which equates to one hundred (100) minutes per credit hour in a face-to-face class) the instructor has the right, but is not required, to withdraw a student from the course. Once the student has been dropped for excessive absences, the registrar's office will send a letter to the student, stating that he or she has been dropped. A student may petition the chief academic officer for reinstatement by submitting a letter stating valid reasons for the absences within one week of the registrar's notification. If the student is reinstated into the class, the instructor and the registrar will be notified. Please refer to the Student Handbook/Academic Policies for more information
3. Absences that occur due to students participating in official college activities are excused except in those cases where outside bodies, such as the State Board of Nursing, have requirements for minimum class minutes for each student. Students who are excused will be given reasonable opportunity to make up any missed work or receive substitute assignments from the instructor and should not be penalized for the absence. Proper procedure should be followed in notifying faculty in advance of the student's planned participation in the event. Ultimately it is the student's responsibility to notify the instructor in advance of the planned absence.

## **ACADEMIC INTEGRITY**

NCCC expects every student to demonstrate ethical behavior with regard to academic pursuits. Academic integrity in coursework is a specific requirement. Definitions, examples, and possible consequences for violations of Academic Integrity, as well as the appeals process, can be found in the College Catalog, Student Handbook, and/or Code of Student Conduct and Discipline.

## **ELECTRONIC DEVICE POLICY**

Student cell phones and other personal electronic devices not being used for class activities must not be accessed during class times unless the instructor chooses to waive this policy.

## **NOTE**

Information and statements in this document are subject to change at the discretion of NCCC. Students will be notified of changes and where to find the most current approved documents.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

If you are a student with a disability who may need accommodation(s), in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973 and the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) of 1990, please notify the Dean of Student Services in the Student Services Office, Sanders Hall, 620-432-0304, on the Chanute Campus, or the Dean for the Ottawa and Online Campuses, 785-248-2798, on the Ottawa Campus as soon as possible. You will need to bring your documentation for review in order to determine reasonable accommodations, and then we can assist you in arranging any necessary accommodations.

## **NON-DISCRIMINATION POLICY**

The following link provides information related to the non-discrimination policy of NCCC, including persons with disabilities. Students are urged to review this policy.

<http://www.neosho.edu/Departments/NonDiscrimination.aspx>

## **SEXUAL MISCONDUCT POLICY (TITLE IX)**

At NCCC, it is the responsibility of an instructor to help create a safe learning environment in the classroom, including both physical and virtual classrooms. All instructors are considered mandatory reporters at NCCC, therefore any information regarding sexual misconduct that is shared by a student in one-on-one meetings with the instructor must be reported to appropriate personnel at the College. Instructors will keep the information private to the greatest extent possible, but it is not confidential. Generally, climate surveys, classroom writing assignments or discussions, human subjects research, or events such as Take Back the Night events do not provide notice that must be reported to the Coordinator by employees, unless the reporting party clearly indicates that they wish a report to be made.

The following link provides information related to the sexual misconduct policy of NCCC, including resources, reporting options, and student rights. Students are urged to review this policy.

<http://www.neosho.edu/TitleIX.aspx>

## **COURSE NOTES**