



UNIVERSITY OF NICOSIA ΠΑΝΕΠΙΣΤΗΜΙΟ ΛΕΥΚΩΣΙΑΣ

University of Nicosia, Cyprus

Course Code PHIL-101	Course Title Introduction to Philosophy	ECTS Credits 6
Department Social Sciences	Semester Fall, Spring	Prerequisites None
Type of Course Elective	Field Social Sciences	Language of Instruction Greek
Level of Course	Year of Study N/A	Lecturer(s) Dr Christos Panayides
Mode of Delivery Face-to-face	Work Placement N/A	Co-requisites None
Recommended Optional Programme Components: N/A		

Objectives of the Course:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Provide a brief introduction to the most basic concepts of informal reasoning.
- Provide a “functioning” definition of what philosophy is.
- Present and evaluate some of the most important theories in Western Analytic Philosophy.
- Provide students with the skills required to appreciate the true role of philosophy in everyday life.

Learning Outcomes:

After completion of the course students are expected to be able to:

- Recognize the features of what constitutes a good philosophical argument.
- Use effectively the skills of good argumentation in non-philosophical contexts.
- Analyze and evaluate the basic arguments in the following fields of Western Analytic Philosophy: (a) Natural Theology, (b) Ethics, (c) Social and Political Philosophy, (d) Epistemology, (e) Philosophy of Science and (f) Philosophy of Mind.
- Utilize the above theories and modes of argumentation in order to address practical problems.

Course Contents:

1. Introduction to informal logic – the basic concepts.
2. An attempt to define the activity of philosophy.
3. Arguments for the existence of God.
4. The problem of evil.
5. Moral philosophy – an introduction.
6. The three types of moral theories.
7. Topics in the field of social and political philosophy: egalitarianism, freedom, democracy, punishment and civil disobedience.
8. Epistemology: theories of sense perception.
9. Philosophy of Science – the basic issues.
10. Philosophy of Mind – some of the most important theories.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures, class discussions and presentations.

Assessment Methods:

Tests (3) and a Final Exam.

Required Textbooks/Reading:

Authors	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Warburton, N.	<i>Oa.lobo-pia = Ta Babaxa.</i>	Ex866sts Ap6svi8rjs	2010	978-960-253-221-8

Recommended Textbooks/Reading:

Author	Title	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Bertrand Russell	<i>Ta Ilpofi.lr/uaza zrs Oa.lobo-pias</i>	Ex866sts Ap6svi8rjs/Guttenberg	Any edition	N/A