



Course Syllabus

Course Code	Course Title	ECTS Credits
PHIL-101	Introduction to Philosophy	6
Prerequisites	Department	Semester
None	Social Sciences	Fall, Spring
Type of Course	Field	Language of Instruction
Elective	Social Sciences	English
Level of Course	Lecturer(s)	Year of Study
1 st Cycle	Prof. Christos Panayides	1 st - 4 th
Mode of Delivery	Work Placement	Co-requisites
Face-to-face	N/A	None

Course Objectives:

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Examine the basic principles of informal reasoning.
- Provide a (working) definition of “philosophy”.
- Present some of the most important theories in the field of analytic philosophy.
- Demonstrate some of the practical uses of these theories.

Learning Outcomes:

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

1. Recognize arguments.
2. Evaluate arguments – both deductive and inductive.
3. Analyse the basic arguments in the following areas of philosophy: (a) Natural Theology, (b) Ethics, (c) Social and Political Philosophy, (d) Epistemology, (e) Philosophy of Science and (f) Philosophy of Mind.
4. Critically evaluate these theories.
5. Use these theories in order to suggest possible solutions to practical problems.

6. Apply the reasoning skills acquired to other fields of study.

Course Content:

1. Introduction to informal logic – the basic concepts.
2. Natural Theology.
3. Freewill and the Problem of Evil.
4. Ethics and religion.
5. Christian Ethics, Kantian Ethics, Utilitarianism, Virtue Ethics.
6. Themes from Social and Political Philosophy.
7. Epistemology.
8. Theories of perception.
9. Philosophy of Science – the basic issues.
10. Philosophy of Mind.
11. The Mind-Body Problem.

Learning Activities and Teaching Methods:

Lectures and Class Discussions.

Assessment Methods:

Tests
 Class Attendance and Participation
 Final Exam
 Term Paper

Required Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
Philosophy - The Basics	Warburton, Nigel	Routledge	Latest Edition	

Xeroxed material from various sources – to be provided by the instructor				
Lecture Notes	Christos Panayides	N/A	2016	Available on UNIC intranet

Recommended Textbooks / Readings:

Title	Author(s)	Publisher	Year	ISBN
The Problems of Philosophy	Russell, B.	Various Editions	Any edition	
The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy	R. Audi (editor)	Cambridge University Press	2015	9781139057509