



<b>Course Code</b> PHIL-101DL	<b>Course Title</b> Introduction to Philosophy	<b>ECTS Credits</b> 6
<b>Department</b> Social Sciences	<b>Semester</b> Fall, Spring	<b>Prerequisites</b> None
<b>Type of Course</b> Elective	<b>Field</b> Social Sciences	<b>Language of Instruction</b> English
<b>Level of Course</b> 1 <sup>st</sup> Cycle	<b>Year of Study</b> N/A	<b>Lecturer(s)</b> Dr Christos Panayides
<b>Mode of Delivery</b> Distance Learning	<b>Work Placement</b> N/A	<b>Co-requisites</b> None

**Objectives of the Course:**

The main objectives of the course are to:

- Examine the basic principles of informal reasoning.
- Provide a 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:**

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

- Recognize arguments.
- Evaluate arguments – both deductive and inductive.
- Analyze 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.

- Critically evaluate these theories.
- Use these theories in order to suggest possible solutions to practical problems.
- Apply the reasoning skills acquired to other fields of study

**Course Contents:**

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:**

<b>Tests (2)</b>	
<b>Class Attendance and Participation</b>	
<b>Final Exam</b>	
<b>Term Paper</b>	

**Required Textbooks/Reading:**

<b>Authors</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
Warburton, Nigel	<i>Philosophy -- The Basics</i>	Routledge	Latest Edition	

**Recommended Textbooks/Reading:**

<b>Authors</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Publisher</b>	<b>Year</b>	<b>ISBN</b>
Russell, B.	<i>The Problems of Philosophy</i>	Various Editions	Any edition	