



# Introduction to Philosophy-13735

## PHIL-1301

MIN 2022 Section 5612 3 Credits 05/16/2022 to 06/05/2022 Modified 05/13/2022

### Course Meetings

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#### Course Modality

Online Anytime

#### Meeting Days

Online Anytime

#### Meeting Times

Online Anytime

#### Meeting Location

Online Anytime

### Welcome and Instructor Information

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#### What's Exciting About This Course

This course is an introduction to a fundamental aspect of human existence—the search for meaning and wisdom in our individual and social realities. Philosophy is the oldest and most varied of any academic discipline, and the practice of philosophy demands exercise and development of the highest critical faculties. Thus we shall treat philosophy for both its historical and practical aspects, and will focus specifically upon a number of perennial philosophic questions that philosophers have raised for 2500 years, such as how do I know what is true?; what do “good” and “evil” mean?; what does it mean to say something is beautiful?; what is the good life?; what is the best form of governance for a society?

#### My Personal Welcome

Greetings! My name is Nathan Poage and I will be your instructor for Introduction to Philosophy. I am delighted that you have chosen this course! I believe the study of philosophy is one of the most worthwhile endeavors one can embark upon and I am looking forward to getting to know all of you in the upcoming semester. It is my goal that you all end this course with a dedication to clear, critical thinking and the courage to face and evaluate some of life's biggest questions. Please contact me with any questions or concerns you have as we progress through the semester. I am dedicated to your success and will do all I can to try to help you.

#### Preferred Method of Contact

nathan.poage@hccs.edu

I will respond to emails within 24 hours Monday through Friday; I will reply to weekend messages on Monday mornings.

#### Office Hours

By appointment  
To be determined

## Instructor: Dr. Nathan M. Poage

Email: [nathan.poage@hccs.edu](mailto:nathan.poage@hccs.edu)

Office: SJ328

Phone: 713.718.6064

## Course Overview

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### Course Description

This course is a theoretically diverse introduction to the study of ideas, including arguments and investigations about abstract and real phenomena, particularly in the areas of knowledge, ethics, and religion. This course satisfies the Language, Philosophy and Culture or Component Area Option of the HCC core.

### Requisites

English 1301 or Department Approval [i.e. ENGL 1301 or higher level writing course]

### Department Website

<https://www.hccs.edu/programs/areas-of-study/liberal-arts-humanities--education/philosophy/>

## Core Curriculum Objectives (CCOs)

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This course satisfies the Philosophy, Language, and Culture component area or the Component Area Option in the HCC Core Curriculum.

- **Critical Thinking:** Students will demonstrate the ability to engage in inquiry and analysis, evaluation and synthesis of information, and creative thinking by completing a written assignment such as a book report, research paper, or essay.
- **Communication Skills:** Students will demonstrate effective development, interpretation and expression of ideas through written, oral, and visual communication by completing a written assignment such as a book report, research paper, or essay.
- **Personal Responsibility:** Students will demonstrate the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making.
- **Social Responsibility:** Students will demonstrate cultural self-awareness, intercultural competency, civil knowledge, and the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities by completing textbook reading assignments, completing assignments, and answering questions on quizzes and exams that pertain to Course Student Learning Outcome #4 below.

## Student Learning Outcomes and Objectives

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### Program Student Learning Outcomes (PSLOs)

1. Demonstrate an understanding of arguments, problems, and terminology in philosophy.
2. Analyze and critique philosophical texts in ways that demonstrate an awareness of argument structure and the evaluation of philosophical claims.
3. Present logically persuasive arguments orally and in writing that are relevant to philosophical issues covered in course material.
4. Evaluate personal and social responsibilities of living in a diverse world in terms of the philosophical issues raised in course material.

### Course Student Learning Outcomes (CSLOs)

1. Read, analyze, and critique philosophical texts.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts, major arguments, problems, and terminology in philosophy.
3. Present logically persuasive arguments both orally and in writing.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking skills in evaluation and application of philosophical concepts to various aspects of life.

5. Evaluate the personal and social responsibilities of living in a diverse world.

## Learning Objectives

- 1.1 Read canonical texts in the philosophical tradition.
- 1.2 Analyze, discuss, and critique philosophical texts in class, including through student presentations.
- 1.3 Analyze and critique philosophical texts in written work, including papers and tests.
- 2.1 Learn basic philosophical vocabulary, major arguments, and positions in central areas of philosophy.
- 2.2 Define key concepts in your own words and provide definitions in regular quizzes.
- 2.3 Demonstrate understanding of key arguments and claims made by philosophers studied in the course through short answer questions and papers.
- 3 Present logically persuasive arguments in presentations, papers, and tests.
- 4.1 Engage in critical thinking through classroom discussion and presentations.
- 4.2 Demonstrate critical thinking skills in written work.
- 5.1 Consider the impacts of philosophical ideas on personal and social responsibility.
- 5.2 Apply philosophical concepts discussed in the course to personal and contemporary issues, demonstrating a concern for social and personal responsibility.

## Departmental Practices and Procedures

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### Department Specific Instructor and Student Responsibilities

As your Instructor, it is my responsibility to:

- Provide the grading scale and detailed grading formula explaining how student grades are to be derived
- Facilitate an effective learning environment through learner-centered instructional techniques
- Provide a description of any special projects or assignments
- Inform students of policies such as attendance, withdrawal, tardiness, and making up assignments
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- Arrange to meet with individual students before and/or after class as required

As a student, it is your responsibility to:

- Attend class in person and/or online
- Participate actively by reviewing course material, interacting with classmates, and responding promptly in your communication with me
- Read and comprehend the course material
- Complete the required assignments and exams
- Ask for help when there is a question or problem
- Keep copies of all assignments, this syllabus, handouts
- Be aware of and comply with academic honesty policies in the [HCCS Student Handbook](#)

### Program-Specific Student Success Information

Attendance, preparedness, participation, and communication are essential for your success in this course. Preparedness and participation include carefully engaging with course material and assignments during course hours and on your own time. Attendance and communication with your instructor and your peers are vital. All of the above will ensure your growth in our community of learners where knowledge and skills are achieved through a process of mutual responsibility and involvement.

### Academic Integrity

A student who is [academically dishonest](#) is, by definition, not showing that the coursework has been learned, and that student is claiming an advantage not available to other students. The instructor is responsible for measuring each student's individual achievements and also for ensuring that all students participate on a level playing field. Thus, in our system, the instructor has teaching, grading, and enforcing roles. You are expected to be familiar with HCC's policy on [Academic Honesty](#). What that means is that if you are charged with an offense, pleading ignorance of the rules will not help you. To be clear, plagiarism (using another's ideas or words without giving credit), collusion (unauthorized collaboration with another person in preparing written work offered for credit), and other forms of cheating will not be tolerated.

Students guilty of [academic dishonesty](#) may be given a grade of "F" or "0" for the particular assignment involved, assigned a failing grade in the course for repeated offenses, and/or referred to the Dean of Student Services for further disciplinary action. In extreme cases or for repeated violations, guilty students are recommended for probation or dismissal from the College.

## Attendance Policy

HCC Policy is that you can miss up to but not exceed 12.5% of class hours, which is equivalent to 6 hours in this course. If you have not attended class before the official date of record, you will be automatically withdrawn from the course by the registrar. Students who are withdrawn for nonattendance will not be reinstated. Although it is your responsibility to withdraw from a course, the instructor has the authority to withdraw you for excessive absences. You may be withdrawn from a course after accumulating absences in excess of 12.5 percent of the total hours of instruction (6 hours for this course).

You are absent when you:

**Online Anytime Courses (WW)** - Fail to actively participate (including failure to submit assignments).

**Online on a Schedule Courses (WS)** – Fail to log in during your scheduled class time and/or fail to actively participate (including failure to submit assignments). Excessive tardies and leaving class early may count towards your allotted absences.

**In Person Courses (P)** – Fail to attend class. Excessive tardies and leaving class early may count towards your allotted absences.

**Hybrid Courses (HY)** – Fail to log in and actively participate during your scheduled class time and/or fail to attend your in-person class session. Excessive tardies and leaving class early may count towards your allotted absences.

## Incomplete Policy

In order to be considered for a grade of Incomplete ("I"), a student must have completed at least 75% of the coursework with a passing grade. It is the responsibility of the student to make arrangements with the instructor and to submit requisite work to complete the course and be assigned a grade. Student and instructor should execute a statement of work to be completed. A grade of Incomplete which has not been made up after six months from the end of the term in which the "I" was assigned will be converted to an "F." In all cases, the instructor reserves the right to decline a student's request to receive a grade of Incomplete.

## Instructional Materials and Resources

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### Instructional Materials

The [HCC Online Bookstore \(https://hccs.bncollege.com/shop/hccs-central/page/find-textbooks\)](https://hccs.bncollege.com/shop/hccs-central/page/find-textbooks) provides searchable information on textbooks for all courses. Check with your instructor before purchasing textbooks because the book might be included in your course fees.

Add Instructional Materials Here

### Five Dialogues: Euthyphro, Apology, Crito, Meno, Phaedo

**Author:** Plato

**Publisher:** Hackett Publishing

**Edition:** 2nd

**ISBN:** ISBN 0-87220-633-5

### Discourse on Method and Meditations on First Philosophy

**Author:** Descartes

Publisher: Hackett Publishing

Edition: 4th

ISBN: ISBN 0-87220-420-0

## Selected Political Writings

Author: Gandhi

Publisher: Hackett Publishing

Edition: 1st

ISBN: ISBN 0-87220-330-1

## ✓ Course Requirements

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### Assignments, Exams, and Activities

Type	Weight	Topic	Notes
Written Assignment	18.5	Variable	Each student will complete one two- four page essays. The essays satisfy the intellectual competencies of reading, writing, critical thinking, and computer literacy. Essays should be in standard MLA format and should be carefully proofread and free from errors. Students who plagiarize on essays will receive a 0 for that assignment or a grade at the discretion of the professor. If a student plagiarizes twice on separate assignments then the student will receive an "F" in the course at the discretion of the professor. Plagiarism is the intentional or negligent copying or paraphrasing of sources without proper citation. Essays are assigned according to topics. Topics are given in the assignment section on the Eagle Online course. Students are required to write on one of the topics assigned. Essays count for 100 points each. Essays are typically graded within one week of due date. Students should submit essays only as doc, docx, rtf or pdf file typesbut preferably in doc or docx file format. Essays submitted in another file format may not be readable. All unreadable essays will not be graded and will be marked late if students are required to resubmit essay. Students should cite the text as the primary source and use at least one external secondary source of an academic nature besides Wikipedia, Sparknotes or Cliffsnotes. All essays should include a works cited page at the end of the essay using standard MLA format. All emailed essays receive a one grade deduction in addition to any late deduction.
Exams/Quizzes	27	Variable	Three online quizzes covering the course material on Plato, Descartes and Gandhi
Final Exam	36	Variable	One comprehensive exam covering the semester course material.
Extra Credit	9	Variable	Student Led discussions are extra credit.
Discussions	18.5	Variable	Students will complete discussions over the course of the semester worth a total of 100 points

### Grading Formula

Grade	Range	Notes
A	90% to 100% (550 to 495 points)	
B	B = 80% to 89.9% (494 to 440 points)	
C	C = 70% to 79.9% (439 to 385 points)	
D	D = 60% to 69.9% (384- 330 points)	
F	F = 0% to 59.9% (329-0 points)	

## \* Instructor's Practices and Procedures

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## Missed Assignments/Make-Up Policy

If there is a legitimate reason for missing class work or exams (death in family, serious illness, hospitalization, deployment) please let me know. You will be allowed to make up the work once documentation is provided.

Often things come up that are beyond our control. If you wait until the last minute to complete your work, there is a greater chance that work, family, computer issues, etc., will create a problem that causes you to miss the assignments. I cannot stress this enough, you will NOT be given an extension for these issues. You must schedule your time appropriately. If you are having computer issues, computers may be used at the HCC campus as well as the public library.

Again, missed assignments due to issues with technology will NOT be given an extension.

Late essays. Essays will be marked down 10 points every calendar day they are late starting after 12 hours of lateness. It is the student's responsibility to verify that their essay was submitted to the online assignments section correctly and fully. Incorrect essays submitted or blank essays submitted which require the resubmission of essays will incur the above late penalty. Essays and late work will not be accepted after the last day of class unless prior arrangements have been made with the instructor. In addition students are responsible for ensuring that their essays are submitted in readable file format on time. Students who submit unreadable essays may receive late deductions on the essays at the discretion of the professor. Emailed essays in addition to the above deduction for lateness receive a one grade deduction for being emailed. This also applies to essays which have to be emailed due to the fact that they are submitted as unreadable or corrupted files.

Make ups for quizzes require documentation of a serious nature.

There are no make ups for discussions.

## Academic Integrity

Here's the link to the HCC information about academic integrity (Scholastic Dishonesty and Violation of Academic Scholastic Dishonesty and Grievance):

<https://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procedures/student-rights-policies--procedures/student-procedures/>  
(<https://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procedures/student-rights-policies--procedures/student-procedures/>)

PLAGIARISM – (Reference Student Code of Conduct) "Plagiarism" means the appropriation of another's work and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work in one's own work offered for credit. I take this very seriously. The first time you turn in work that is guilty of plagiarism your assignment will be given the score of zero and you will not be allowed to re-accomplish the assignment. The second time you turn in work that is guilty of plagiarism you will be given a zero for the course. If you receive a zero for the course due to plagiarism, you will be reported to the Dean.

If you are unclear what constitutes as plagiarism, please visit our library website at the following address:

[http://library.hccs.edu/research\\_writing/plagiarism](http://library.hccs.edu/research_writing/plagiarism) ([http://library.hccs.edu/research\\_writing/plagiarism](http://library.hccs.edu/research_writing/plagiarism))

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## Student Conduct

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## Instructor's Course-Specific Information

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## Devices

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## Faculty Statement about Student Success

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## Faculty-Specific Information Regarding Canvas

This course section will use Canvas (<https://eagleonline.hccs.edu>) to supplement in-class assignments, exams, and activities.

HCCS Open Lab locations may be used to access the Internet and Canvas. For best performance, Canvas should be used on the current or first previous major release of Chrome, Firefox, Edge, or Safari. Because it's built using web standards, Canvas runs on Windows, Mac, Linux, iOS, Android, or any other device with a modern web browser.

Canvas only requires an operating system that can run the latest compatible web browsers. Your computer operating system should be kept up to date with the latest recommended security updates and upgrades.

## Instructional Modalities

### In-Person (P)

Safe, face-to-face course with scheduled dates and times

### Online on a Schedule (WS)

Fully online course with virtual meetings at scheduled dates and times

### Online Anytime (WW)

Traditional online course without scheduled meetings

### Hybrid (H)

Course that meets safely 50% face-to-face and 50% virtually

### Hybrid Lab (HL)

Lab class that meets safely 50% face-to-face and 50% virtually

## Social Justice Statement

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# HCC Grading System

HCC uses the following standard grading system:

Grade	Grade Interpretation	Grade Points
A	Excellent (90-100)	4
B	Good (80-89)	3
C	Fair (70-79)	2
D	Passing (60-69), except in developmental courses.	1
F	Failing (59 and below)	0
FX	Failing due to non-attendance	0
W	Withdrawn	0
I	Incomplete	0
AUD	Audit	0
IP	In Progress. Given only in certain developmental courses. A student must re-enroll to receive credit.	0
COM	Completed. Given in non-credit and continuing education courses.	0

## Link to Policies in Catalog and Student Handbook

Here's the link to the HCC Catalog and Student Handbook: <https://catalog.hccs.edu/> (<https://catalog.hccs.edu/>)

In it you will find information about the following:

- Academic Information
- Academic Support
- Attendance, Repeating Courses, and Withdrawal
- Career Planning and Job Search
- Childcare
- disAbility Support Services
- Electronic Devices
- Equal Educational Opportunity
- Financial Aid TV (FATV)
- General Student Complaints
- Grade of FX
- Incomplete Grades
- International Student Services
- Health Awareness
- Libraries/Bookstore
- Police Services & Campus Safety
- Student Life at HCC



- Student Rights and Responsibilities
- Student Services
- Testing
- Transfer Planning
- Veteran Services

## Link to HCC Academic Integrity Statement

<https://www.hccs.edu/student-conduct> (<https://www.hccs.edu/student-conduct>) (scroll down to subsections)

## Campus Carry Link

Here's the link to the HCC information about Campus Carry:

<https://www.hccs.edu/campuscarry> (<https://www.hccs.edu/campuscarry>)

## HCC Email Policy

When communicating via email, HCC requires students to communicate only through the HCC email system to protect your privacy. If you have not activated your HCC student email account, you can go [to HCC Eagle ID \(https://www.hccs.edu/email\)](https://www.hccs.edu/email) and activate it now. You may also use Canvas Inbox to communicate.

## Office of Institutional Equity

Use the following link to access the HCC Office of Institutional Equity, Inclusion, and Engagement: <https://www.hccs.edu/eeo> (<https://www.hccs.edu/eeo>)

## Ability Services

HCC strives to make all learning experiences as accessible as possible. If you anticipate or experience academic barriers based on your disability (including long and short term conditions, mental health, chronic or temporary medical conditions), please meet with a campus Abilities Counselor as soon as possible in order to establish reasonable accommodations. Reasonable accommodations are established through an interactive process between you, your instructor(s) and Ability Services. It is the policy and practice of HCC to create inclusive and accessible learning environments consistent with federal and state law. For more information, please go to <https://www.hccs.edu/accessibility> (<https://www.hccs.edu/accessibility>)

## Title IX

Houston Community College is committed to cultivating an environment free from inappropriate conduct of a sexual or gender-based nature including sex discrimination, sexual assault, sexual harassment, and sexual violence. Sex discrimination includes all forms of sexual and gender-based misconduct and violates an individual's fundamental rights and personal dignity. Title IX prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex-including pregnancy and parental status in educational programs and activities. If you require an accommodation due to pregnancy please contact an Abilities Services Counselor. The Director of EEO/Compliance is designated as the Title IX Coordinator and Section 504 Coordinator. All inquiries concerning HCC policies, compliance with applicable laws, statutes, and regulations (such as Title VI, Title IX, and Section 504), and complaints may be directed to:

David Cross  
Director EEO/Compliance  
Office of Institutional Equity & Diversity  
3100 Main  
(713) 718-8271  
Houston, TX 77266-7517 or [Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu](mailto:Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu) (<mailto:Institutional.Equity@hccs.edu>)

<https://www.hccs.edu/titleix> (<https://www.hccs.edu/titleix>)

## Office of the Dean of Students

Contact the office of the Dean of Students to seek assistance in determining the correct complaint procedure to follow or to identify the appropriate academic dean or supervisor for informal resolution of complaints.

<https://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procedures/student-rights-policies--procedures/student-complaints/speak-with-the-dean-of-students/> (<https://www.hccs.edu/about-hcc/procedures/student-rights-policies--procedures/student-complaints/speak-with-the-dean-of-students/>)

## Student Success

Expect to spend at least twice as many hours per week outside of class as you do in class studying the course content. Additional time will be required for written assignments. The assignments provided will help you use your study hours wisely. Successful completion of this course requires a combination of the following:

- Reading the textbook
- Attending class in person and/or online
- Completing assignments
- Participating in class activities

There is no short cut for success in this course; it requires reading (and probably re-reading) and studying the material using the course objectives as a guide.

## Canvas Learning Management System

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## HCC Online Information and Policies

Here is the link to information about HCC Online classes, which includes access to the required Online Information Class Preview for all fully online classes: <https://www.hccs.edu/online/> (<https://www.hccs.edu/online/>)

## Scoring Rubrics, Sample Assignments, etc.

Look in Canvas for the scoring rubrics for assignments, samples of class assignments, and other information to assist you in the course. <https://eagleonline.hccs.edu/> (<https://eagleonline.hccs.edu/>)

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## Sensitive or Mature Course Content

In this college-level course, we may occasionally discuss sensitive or mature content. All members of the classroom environment, from your instructor to your fellow students, are expected to handle potentially controversial subjects with respect and consideration for one another's varied experiences and values.

## EGLS3

The EGLS<sup>3</sup> ([Evaluation for Greater Learning Student Survey System](https://www.hccs.edu/egls3) (<https://www.hccs.edu/egls3>)) will be available for most courses near the end of the term until finals start. This brief survey will give invaluable information to your faculty about their teaching. Results are anonymous and will be available to faculty and division chairs after the end of the term. EGLS<sup>3</sup> surveys are only available for the Fall and Spring semesters. -EGLS3 surveys are not offered during the Summer semester due to logistical constraints.

<https://www.hccs.edu/egls3> (<https://www.hccs.edu/egls3>)

## Housing and Food Assistance for Students

Any student who faces challenges securing their foods or housing and believes this may affect their performance in the course is urged to contact the Dean of Students at their college for support. Furthermore, please notify the professor if you are comfortable in doing so.

This will enable HCC to provide any resources that HCC may possess.

## Student Resources

### Tutoring

HCC provides free and convenient academic support, in a large variety of subjects, to HCC students in both an online environment and in-person on campus. Tutoring is provided by HCC personnel in order to ensure that it is appropriate. Visit the HCC Tutoring Services website for more information at <https://hccs.edu/tutoring> (<https://hccs.edu/tutoring>).

### Libraries

The HCC Library System consists of 9 libraries and 6 Electronic Resource Centers (ERCs) that are inviting places to study and collaborate on projects. Librarians are available both at the libraries and online to show you how to locate and use the resources you need. The libraries maintain a large selection of electronic resources as well as collections of books, magazines, newspapers, and audiovisual materials. The portal to all libraries' resources and services is the HCCS library web page at <https://library.hccs.edu> (<https://library.hccs.edu/>).

### Supplementary Instruction

Supplemental Instruction is an academic enrichment and support program that uses peer-assisted study sessions to improve student retention and success in historically difficult courses. Peer Support is provided by students who have already succeeded in completion of the specified course, and who earned a grade of A or B. Find details at <https://www.hccs.edu/supplemental-instruction> (<https://www.hccs.edu/supplemental-instruction>)

### Resources for Students:

<https://www.hccs.edu/covid19students> (<https://www.hccs.edu/covid19students>)

### Basic Needs Resources:

<https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/counseling/hcc-cares/basic-needs-resources/> (<https://www.hccs.edu/support-services/counseling/hcc-cares/basic-needs-resources/>)

## Student Basic Needs Application:

<https://www.hccs.edu/basicneeds> (<https://www.hccs.edu/basicneeds>)

## COVID-19

Here's the link to the HCC information about COVID-19:

<https://www.hccs.edu/covid-19> (<https://www.hccs.edu/covid-19>)

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## Copyright Statement

In order to uphold the integrity of the academic environment and protect and foster a cohesive learning environment for all, HCC prohibits unauthorized use of course materials. Materials shared in this course are based on my professional knowledge and experience and are presented in an educational context for the students in the course. Authorized use of course materials is limited to personal study or educational uses. Material should not be shared, distributed, or sold outside the course without permission. Students are also explicitly forbidden in all circumstances from plagiarizing or appropriating course materials. This includes but is not limited to publically posting quizzes, essays, or other materials. This prohibition extends not only during this course, but after. Sharing of the materials in any context will be a violation of the HCC Student Code of Conduct and may subject the student to discipline, as well as any applicable civil or criminal liability. Consequences for unauthorized sharing, plagiarizing, or other methods of academic dishonesty may range from a 0 on the specified assignment and/or up to expulsion from Houston Community College. Questions about this policy may be directed to me or to the Manager of Student Conduct and Academic Integrity.

## Course Calendar

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### Syllabus Modifications

The instructor reserves the right to modify the syllabus at any time during the semester and will promptly notify students in writing, typically by e-mail, of any such changes.

Weeks One- Three: Plato's Euthyphro, Apology, Crito

Weeks Four-Eight: Plato's Meno and Phaedo

Weeks Nine-Thirteen: Descartes' Discourse on Method and Meditations Weeks Fourteen-Sixteen: Gandhi

Note for five weeks courses every two days constitutes a week

## Additional Information

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## Departmental/Program Information

The HCC philosophy program provides students opportunities to explore and cultivate open, critical ways to understand the search for truth and to examine the moral implications of thinking and action in an increasingly technologically driven multicultural world.

AWARD TYPES: Associate in Arts

AREA OF STUDY: Liberal Arts, Humanities & Education

### Careers in Field

An undergraduate degree in Philosophy prepares graduates for careers which include writing, journalism, policy-making, teaching, law and business. Additional studies may be needed.

### Transfer/Advising Plan

<https://www.hccs.edu/finder/programs/transfer-advising-plan-for-philosophy-specialty-area---aa/>  
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### Student Organizations

Ethics Bowl - Contact: Jason Jenson (jason.jenson@hccs.edu) or Cinnamon Jenson (cinnamon.jenson@hccs.edu)

Philosophy Club - Contact: Jacob Mills (jacob.mills@hccs.edu)

### Scholarships

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[Monthly Scholarship Opportunities](#)

[HCC Foundation Scholarships](#)

[HCC Foundation Scholarships for F-1 Students](#)

[Eagle Promise – Free Degree Program](#)

[HCC Honors College Scholarship](#)

[Impact Scholarship](#)

[Chancellor Scholarship](#)

## Process for Expressing Concerns about the Course

If you have concerns about any aspect of this course, please reach out to your instructor for assistance first. If your instructor is not able to assist you, then you may wish to contact the Department Chair.

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