

Course Syllabus

1	Course title	Introduction to Philosophy and Critical Thinking	
2	Course number	3400103	
3	Credit hours	Three Credit Hours (Theory)	
	Contact hours (theory, practical)	Three Credit Hours (Theory)	
4	Prerequisites/corequisites	-----	
5	Program title	B.A.	
6	Program code	032	
7	Awarding institution	The University of Jordan	
8	School	Arts	
9	Department	Philosophy	
10	Course level	Required University Course	
11	Year of study and semester (s)	2022/2023 - second Semester	
12	Other department (s) involved in teaching the course	None	
13	Main teaching language	English	
14	Delivery method	<input type="checkbox"/> Face to face learning <input type="checkbox"/> Blended <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Fully online	
15	Online platforms(s)	<input type="checkbox"/> Moodle <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Microsoft Teams <input type="checkbox"/> Skype <input type="checkbox"/> Zoom <input type="checkbox"/> Others.....	
16	Issuing/Revision Date	March 2023	

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19 Course Description:

The course introduces the concepts of philosophy and critical thinking. It deals with the basics of philosophical thinking, argumentation and critical thinking. And the main Ideas and figures in the Greek, Western, Eastern and Islamic Philosophy.

It deals also with the basic Areas of Philosophy: Metaphysics, Epistemology, Ethics and Logic.


20 Course aims and outcomes:
A- Aims:

This course is designed for students of all specializations on the B.A. /B.Sc. level in order to empower them with the necessary tools and skills that enable them to build their own capabilities in rational and critical thinking skills and foundation of philosophy in order to use such knowledge in their daily life.

B. Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

SLOs SLOs of the course	SLO (1)	SLO (2)	SLO (3)	SLO (4)
1. understand the basics of philosophical problems;				
2. To understand the importance of philosophical thinking in his/her daily life				
3. To read and critically analyze texts				
4. analyze the elements of rational thinking and its principles				
5. get familiar with the principles of logic				
6. assess arguments				
7. present sound arguments				
8. evaluate logical proof, and demonstrate critical thinking				
9. differentiate between logically valid inference and other kinds of inference				

21. Topic Outline and Schedule:

Week	Lecture	Topic	Student Learning Outcome	Learning Methods (Face to Face/Blended/ Fully Online)	Platform	Synchronous / Asynchronous Lecturing	Evaluation Methods	Resources
1	1.1	General meeting		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing	Attendance	An Introduction to Philosophy
	1.2	What is Philosophy?		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing	Attendance	By W. Russ Payne
	1.3	Readings: 1		Fully Online	Teams	---	Paper	The Problems of Philosophy B. Russell
2	2.1	The main philosophical Areas		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing	Med Exam	An Introduction to Philosophy
	2.2	Eastern Philosophy		Fully Online	Teams	discussion		Internet
	2.3	Question: 1		Fully Online	Teams	Homework	Presenting An Essay	----
3	3.1	Greek Philosophy		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing	Med Exam	Does The Centre Hold? An Introduction to Western Philosophy
	3.2	Greek Philosophy		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Med Exam	Does The Centre Hold? An Introduction to Western Philosophy
	3.3	Readings:2		Fully Online	Teams	---		The Problems Philosophy
4	4.1	Islamic Philosophy		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Med Exam	A History of Islamic Phil.- M. fakhry
	4.2	Modern and Contemporary Phil.		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Med Exam	Does The Centre Hold? An Introduction to Western Philosophy
	4.3	Question: 2		Fully Online	Teams	Homework	Presenting An Essay	----
5	5.1	General Characters of Phil.		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Med Exam	An Introduction Philosophy
	5.2	Epistemology		Fully Online	Teams	Discussion	Med Exam	Does The Centre Hold? An Introduction to Western Philosophy
	5.3	Readings:3		Fully Online	Teams	---	Paper	---
6	6.1	Rationalism		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Med Exam	An Introduction Philosophy

	6.2	Descartes 1		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Med Exam	Does The Centre Hold? An Introduction to Western Philosophy
	6.3	Question: 3		Fully Online	Teams	Homework	Presenting An Essay	----
7	7.1	Descartes 1		Fully Online	Teams	Discussion	Final Exam	Does The Centre Hold? An Introduction to Western Philosophy
	7.2	Empiricism		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Final Exam	An Introduction to Philosophy
	7.3	Readings:4		Fully Online	Teams	---	Final Exam	---
8	8.1	David Hume		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Final Exam	Does The Centre Hold? An Introduction to Western Philosophy
	8.2	The Critical Philosophy of Kant		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Final Exam	Does The Centre Hold? An Introduction to Western Philosophy
	8.3	Question: 4		Fully Online	Teams	Homework	Presenting An Essay	-----
9	9.1	The Critical Philosophy of Kant		Fully Online	Teams	Discussion	Final Exam	Does The Centre Hold? An Introduction to Western Philosophy
	9.2	Logic		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion		Think: A Compelling Introduction to Philosophy
	9.3	Readings:5		Fully Online	Teams	---	paper	---
10	10.1	The Reasoning		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Final Exam	Think: A Compelling Introduction to Philosophy
	10.2	Well-Formed Arguments		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Final Exam	Think: A Compelling Introduction to Philosophy
	10.3	Question: 5		Fully Online	Teams	Homework	Presenting An Essay	-----
11	11.1	Validity and the logical form of arguments		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Final Exam	Think: A Compelling Introduction to Philosophy
	11.2	Critical Thinking		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Final Exam	Critical Thinking: A Concise Guide

	11.3	Readings :6		Fully Online	Teams	---	Paper	---	
12	12.1	Critical Thinking		Fully Online	Teams	Discussion	Final Exam	Critical Thinking: A Concise Guide	
	12.2	What is Ethics?		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Final Exam	What Does it All Mean?: A Very Short Introduction to Philosophy	
	12.3	Readings:7		Fully Online	Teams	---	paper	----	
13	13.1	Ethics and Morals		Fully Online	Teams	Discussion	Final Exam	What Does it All Mean?: A Very Short Introduction to Philosophy	
	13.2	Ethical Problem		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Final Exam	What Does it All Mean?: A Very Short Introduction to Philosophy	
	13.3	Readings :8		Fully Online	Teams	----	Paper	---	
14	14.1	Free will 2		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Final Exam	What Does it All Mean?: A Very Short Introduction to Philosophy	
	14.2	Free will 3		Fully Online	Teams	Lecturing & discussion	Final Exam	What Does it All Mean?: A Very Short Introduction to Philosophy	
	14.3	----		Fully Online	Teams	discussion	Final Exam	What Does it All Mean?: A Very Short Introduction to Philosophy	



22 Evaluation Methods:

Opportunities to demonstrate achievement of the SLOs are provided through the following assessment methods and requirements:

Evaluation Activity	Mark	Topic(s)	SLOs	Period (Week)	Platform
Mid-term Exam	30			8	
Assignments (Research paper & Discussion):	15			All the Semester	
Main Duty:	15			10	
Final Exam:	40			14	
Total:	100				

23 Course Requirements

(e.g.: students should have a computer, internet connection, webcam, and account on a specific software/platform...etc.):

24 Course Policies:

A- Attendance policies:

Students are expected to attend all class sessions as listed on the course calendar. Students are not allowed to be absent for more than 15% of the credit hours of the course.

B- Absences from exams and submitting assignments on time:

Make-up appeals are considered only for students who provide documentation of a compelling reason for missing the exam.

C- Health and safety procedures:

Faculty and students must at all times conform with Health and Safety rules and procedures.

D- Honesty policy regarding cheating, plagiarism, misbehavior:



Students attending this course are expected to maintain high degrees of professionalism, commitment to active learning and participation in the class and integrity in their behavior. Students violating this policy will be subjected to disciplinary action in accordance with the University of Jordan disciplinary policies.

E- Grading policy:

The use of the scaling according to the grading policy of the University of Jordan.

F- Available university services that support achievement in the course:

Internet database at the University of Jordan and the UJ Library.

25 References:

A- Required book(s), assigned reading and audio-visuals:

Donald Palmer, *Does The Centre Hold? An Introduction to Western Philosophy*, Third Edition, McGraw-Hill, 2002.

Tracy Bowell and Gary Kemp, *Critical Thinking: A Concise Guide*, Fourth Edition, Routledge, 2015.

B- Recommended books, materials, and media:

Kelly James Clark, *Religion and the Sciences of Origins: Historical and Contemporary Discussions*, Palgrave Macmillan, 2014.

Blackburn, *Think: A Compelling Introduction to Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 2013.

John Cottingham, *Western Philosophy: An Anthology*, Blackwell Philosophy Anthologies, 2007.

Thomas Nagel, *What Does it All Mean? A Very Short Introduction to Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 1087.

Majid Fakhry, *A History of Islamic Philosophy*, Columbia University Press, New York, 3rd Edition.

Seyyed Hossein Nasr, *Islamic Philosophy from its Origin to the Present*, State University of New York Press, 2006.



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26 Additional information:

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