



Course Outline

UNIVERSITY STUDIES

Philosophy 102E

**Introduction to Philosophy:
Epistemology and Metaphysics**

**Winter 2013
3 credits
(3-0-0)**

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OFFICE HOURS:

Tuesday 5:30 – 6:30 PM
Or by appointment (recommended)

HOURS OF INSTRUCTION:

Tuesday 6:30 – 9:30 PM Room 228

COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course provides the student with an introduction to the perennial problems of philosophy through the study and critical discussion of selected classical and modern works. The aim of this course is twofold. The student will be introduced to the domain and method of philosophical inquiry. More specifically, the student will examine in some detail the areas of epistemology and metaphysics. Epistemology is concerned primarily with the nature of knowledge, and metaphysics is concerned with the nature of reality (being).

COURSE OUTCOMES:

The student will be able to:

1. Read original works of philosophy
2. Faithfully transmit an argument, be it in spoken or written form
3. Write a philosophy paper complete with a critical analysis section
4. Discuss the main themes of epistemology and metaphysics
5. Articulate the domain and method of philosophical inquiry

REQUIRED RESOURCES:

Grube, *Plato's Meno*

Eva Brann, Peter Kalkavage, Eric Salem, *Plato's Phaedo*

Rene Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, trans. Donald A. Cress

Thomas Hobbes selections (Xerox and library) -time permitting-).

TOPICS TO BE COVERED:**Please Note:**

This course outline may be modified to facilitate unforeseen time constraints. Date and time allotted to each topic is subject to change.

Week 01	Introduction
Week 02	<i>Meno</i>
Week 03	<i>Meno</i>
Week 04	<i>Meno</i>
Week 05	<i>Meno</i>
Week 06	<i>Phaedo</i>
Week 07	<i>Phaedo</i>
<i>Reading Week February 25 – March 1, 2013</i>	
Week 08	<i>Phaedo</i>
Week 09	<i>Phaedo</i>
Week 10	<i>Meditations on First Philosophy</i>
Week 11	<i>Meditations on First Philosophy</i>
Week 12	<i>Meditations on First Philosophy</i>
Week 13	<i>Meditations on First Philosophy/Hobbes</i>
Week 14	<i>Review</i>

EVALUATION:

Assignment	Percentage	Due Date
Short Essays (3) – 2pages	30(3X10)%	TBA
Final Paper – 5-8 pages	35%	April 2, 2013
Final Examination	35%	April 23, 2013

GRADING SYSTEM:

Letter Grade	Description	Grade Points
A+		4
A	Excellent	4
A-		3.7
B+		3.3
B	Good	3
B-		2.7
C+		2.3
C	Satisfactory	2
C-		1.7
D+		1.3
D	Minimal Pass	1
F	Failure	0

Students intending to transfer to other institutions require a C- as a minimum grade.

Transfer information on each course is available at the [Alberta Council on Admission and Transfers](#).

include a statement here on lab requirements, electronic equipment.

any other Complementary Statement?

Students who do not complete all the required work should not expect to pass the course.

Students should consult:

<http://keyano.ca/current-students/students/exams>

IMPORTANT DATES:

January 18, 2013	Courses dropped after this date will be designated “W”. (A withdrawal (W) is not reflected in your GPA)
March 8, 2013	Courses dropped after this date will be designated “WF”. (A withdrawal failure (WF) counts as a 0 in your GPA)
April 19, 2013	Last day of classes
April 22 – 30, 2013	Final Exams

COLLEGE POLICIES

Equality, Equity and Respect

The Keyano College is committed to providing an environment of equality, equity and respect for all people within the College community. All members of this community are considered partners in developing teaching and learning contexts that are welcoming to all. Faculty, staff, and students are encouraged to use inclusive language to create a classroom atmosphere in which students' experiences and views are treated with equal respect and valued in relation to their gender, ethnic and cultural background, and sexual orientation.

Students should consult:

<http://keyano.ca/current-students/individual-rights>

Plagiarism and Cheating

Every student expects to be treated and evaluated fairly in a course. Plagiarism and cheating robs everyone of this right.

No student may submit words, ideas or data of another student or person as his or her own in any writing, project, assignment, quiz, electronic presentation, exam etc. Any work used that is not the student's own must be clearly cited as belonging to someone else. There are penalties for using other's work and not citing it. The Student's Rights & Responsibilities document clearly outlines these penalties and the appeal process.

- No learner can obtain information from another student during an exam.
- No learner can bring unauthorized information (paper or electronic) into an exam or quiz.
- No student can submit work done in another course for grading in this course without the written prior approval of the course instructor.
- No student can submit copyright protected or commercially produced materials as part or all of an assignment without proper citation & permission.

Student Rights & Responsibilities

Students should consult the Keyano College Credit Calendar or online at:

<http://www.keyano.ca/Media/Collections/Calendars/Keyano.Calendar1112-10-full.pdf>

Specialized Supports and Duty to Accommodate

Disability Support Services: Learner Assistance Program

If you have a documented disability or you think that you would benefit from some assistance from a Disabilities Counsellor, please call or visit the Disability Supports Office 780-792-5608 to book an appointment (across from the library). Services and accommodations are intended to assist you in your program of study, while maintaining the academic standards of Keyano College. We can be of assistance to you in disclosing your disability to your instructor, providing accommodations, and supporting your overall success at Keyano College.

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Specialized Support and Duty to Accommodate are aligned with the office of Disability Support Services: Learner Assistance Program (LAP) guided by federal and provincial human rights legislation, and defined by a number of Keyano College policies. Keyano College is obligated by legislation to provide disability-related accommodations to students with identified disabilities to the point of undue hardship.



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