

# General Education Course Objectives and Learning Outcomes

Course Name: Introduction to Philosophy

Course Number: Phil 2003

Department: History and Political Science

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**COMMON COURSE OBJECTIVES AND STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES THAT ARE OR WILL BE LISTED ON THE SYLLABUS OF EVERY SECTION OF THIS COURSE:**

<i>Course objectives:</i>	<p>We study moral philosophy because common sense morality often needs to be clarified, and even then, there are times when common sense fails to give us clear instructions on how we should behave. This course takes a close look at some of the most important and influential ethical theories of all time, theories that can help us better understand what is right when common sense morality fails. Next, we seek to apply ethical theory and common-sense morality to some of today’s most controversial moral questions. We also discuss the importance of good character and individual freedom. Good character is the foundation of morality, and neither good character nor sound moral judgment can be developed unless individuals are largely free to make their own choices. This course is intended for those seeking a general introduction to philosophy through the active use of moral reasoning and moral imagination.</p>
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<i>Student learning outcomes:</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. You will get the opportunity to become familiar with fundamental philosophical concepts &amp; major philosophical traditions.</li> <li>2. You will have the chance to develop the ability to reason critically about difficult philosophical issues and texts.</li> <li>3. You will be given the opportunity to reflect critically about ethical issues and about the value of knowledge and truth.</li> </ol>
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**ADHE ACTS INFORMATION FOR THIS COURSE (IF APPROPRIATE)**

<i>ACTS Course number:</i>	73. PHIL 1103
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<i>Copy the ACTS course objectives and learning</i>	<p>A philosophical exploration of topics that must include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Human values</li> </ul>
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outcomes:

- Critical thinking
- Nature of reality and knowledge

**Expected Student Learning Outcomes:**

The student will:

- Develop appreciation of various points of views
- Demonstrate critical inquiry
- Demonstrate a familiarity with the crucial concepts involved in the above topics

**WHICH ATU GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS DOES THIS COURSE FULFILL? (NO MORE THAN TWO)**

- Communicate effectively
  - Written communication
  - Oral communication
- X Think critically
- X Develop ethical perspectives
  - Diversity
  - Empathy
  - Leadership
- Apply scientific and quantitative reasoning
  - Scientific reasoning
  - Quantitative reasoning
- Apply the value of the arts and humanities
- Practice civic engagement

**DESCRIPTION OF HOW THIS COURSE MEETS THE GENERAL EDUCATION GOALS CHOSEN ABOVE (TO BE INCLUDED ON THE SYLLABUS OF EVERY SECTION OF THIS COURSE)**

Critical thinking and ethical perspectives taught through readings, lectures, and tested through quizzes, graded discussions, and papers.