

Introduction to Philosophy

PHI 2010 84552

Dr. Ryan Hubbard

3 credit hours

Prerequisites: ENC 1101 with minimum grade of “C”

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A Session: 8/21 - 12/15

MW 11:00 - 12:15

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Approved Course Materials & Resources

Textbook Information: No textbook is required. All readings will be provided through Canvas.

Curriculum

Course Description: This is a foundation course in philosophy. Students will learn about topics such as epistemology, metaphysics, and ethics. The course introduces the methods of philosophy, addresses some major philosophical questions, and examines the views of various philosophers from around the world. This course is a Gordon Rule Writing course where students will produce extensive college-level writing and require completion with a minimum grade of "C."

How Instructor will cover the content

This course will cover content through lectures, discussion, group work, and assignments.

Broad Goals of the Course

1. Students will gain a deeper understanding of themselves and their philosophical outlook
2. Students will develop critical thinking skills, especially the ability to identify, critique, and craft arguments.
3. Students will learn some major theories in philosophy.

Learning Outcomes

- **Philosophical Thought:** Students will comprehend and analyze various concepts, ideas, and theories in philosophy.
- **Critical Thinking:** Students will develop the ability to evaluate their own and others' philosophical views. Students will learn how to engage issues through questioning.
- **Cultural Literacy:** Students will develop an appreciation of human culture and its diversity through the comprehension and evaluation of historical and contemporary philosophical problems
- **Social Skills:** Students will develop and use social skills by engaging in interpersonal deliberation.

Student Expectations of the Instructor

Statement about availability outside of class.

The instructor will have the following office hours when students can come by without an appointment: M 1230 -500, T 1230 - 300, W 1230-330

Learning Management System Usage Notification

This course will use Canvas to communicate with students.

Email & Voicemail Response Time - Instructors will check and respond to messages sent to their gulfcoast.edu email within 48 hours during scheduled workdays, barring illness or emergencies. The instructor may not check email during holidays or weekends. This policy also applies to messages sent via Canvas, as well as voicemails left on a provided phone number.

Expectations of the Student

Academic Integrity Policy - Honest participation in academic endeavors fosters an environment in which optimal learning can take place and is consistent with the college's mission. Academic misconduct, including cheating or plagiarism, is destructive to the spirit of an educational environment. Social Science professors report every instance of student academic misconduct to the college for inclusion on the student's records. "Cheating" includes but is not limited to use of any unauthorized assistance in completing course work. "Plagiarism" includes, but is not limited to, the use by paraphrase or direct quotation of the published or unpublished work of another person without full and clear acknowledgment as well as the purchase of papers or projects. "Self-plagiarism" occurs when a student submits the same or considerably similar document to fulfill requirements in different classes. For example, if a student submits a term paper in Religion they originally wrote for an English class, this is self-plagiarism. Once a paper receives a grade in one class, it cannot be submitted again for another class. Sanctions for incidences of academic misconduct, depending on the severity of the incidence and/or its repetition, may range from receiving an F grade (or 0) for the test, assignment, or activity, to failure of the course, to suspension or dismissal from the college.

Student Accessibility Statement - Gulf Coast State College supports an inclusive learning environment for all students. If there are aspects of the instruction or design of this course that hinder your full participation, reasonable accommodations can be arranged. Prior to receiving accommodations, you must register with Student Accessibility Resources. Appropriate academic accommodations will be determined based on the documented needs of the student. For information regarding the registration process, email sar@gulfcoast.edu or call 850-747-3243.

Recording Lectures - In accordance with federal and state privacy laws, students may record class lectures for their own personal educational use, in connection with a complaint to the college, or as evidence in internal or external legal proceedings. Students may not publish or upload the recordings or any components thereof without the knowledge and written permission of the faculty member. Failure to obtain permission to publish could lead to the students' having to pay damages, attorney fees, and court costs. For more information about what can be recorded, please see the guidelines on pages 36-38 in the GCSC Student Handbook: <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/current-students/student-handbooks/2021-2022-student-handbook.pdf>

Attendance - Regular class attendance and participation are significant factors that help to promote success in college. In face-to-face courses, students are required to be in class at the beginning of each class session, as attendance will be taken at this time. If a student arrives late, it is his/her responsibility to inform the instructor after class of his/her presence. Failure to do so may result in the student being marked as "Absent." Attendance in an online/hybrid CANVAS class is defined as submission of complete written assignments prior to their posted deadline.

Withdrawals - Students may withdraw themselves from any course until the published withdrawal deadline for that term in the Gulf Coast State College catalog. Students wishing to withdraw from a course and receive a “W” must complete a withdrawal form and submit this to the Office of Enrollment Services prior to the scheduled withdrawal date as published on the college calendar. Social Sciences instructors do not withdraw students from their individual courses under any circumstances. If you feel you have a unique situation that warrants removal from all of your courses for a term after the withdrawal deadline has passed, you may contact the Vice President of Student Affairs to discuss your situation.

Consequences of Withdrawals - Two withdrawals are permitted per credit course. After that, a grade will be assigned. Please be concerned about withdrawals. When admitting students into certain programs, universities may calculate withdrawals as grades. It is your responsibility to verify the effects of enrollment and/or withdrawal upon your financial assistance (financial aid, scholarships, grants, etc.).

Incomplete Grades - Grades of Incomplete in any Social Sciences course can only be assigned to students who have an emergency arise during the last two weeks of the course. To receive an Incomplete, students must:

- Submit a written request to the instructor prior to the last face-to-face class meeting. For online courses, a written Incomplete request must be received no later than the week before the Final Exam period begins.
- Have completed no less than 60 percent of the course requirements and be passing the course at the time the request for an Incomplete is submitted.

Important Note: The Incomplete option provides 30 days from the date grades are due to make up any missing work; if work is not submitted during this period, the grade will automatically change to an “F” in Lighthouse

Measure of Student Performance

Method of Assessment

Grading

- Assignments: 10%
- Paper: 20%
- Final Exam: 30%
- Discussion Questions: 15%
- Quizzes: 25%

Grading Detail

- *Assignments:* Assignments & quizzes cannot be made up. If you believe there are extenuating circumstances then please contact me.
- *Paper:* You will be required to write a four to five-page paper. Details will be provided later in the semester. Papers will not be accepted late.
- *Final Exam:* The final exam will be cumulative and multiple-choice. You will take it online.
- *Discussion:* For most modules, you will be required to reply to a discussion question as well as reply to at least two other student's posts. Points will be taken off your discussion assignment grade if you fail to respond to two other student's posts. Be respectful in your discussion posts.

GCSC Grade Scale

90 – 100 = A

80 – 89 = B

70 – 79 = C

60 – 69 = D

Below 60 = D

Technical Assistance: For technical support, call 850-913-3303

Final Exam: All face-to-face sections of this course require each student to take a final exam. Refer to the Gulf Coast State College Exam Schedule to see when your final exam will take place and to your instructor for specific details regarding the structure and content of your final exam.

Gordon Rule Class: All philosophy classes at Gulf Coast State College are designated a Gordon Rule Class (State Board of Education Rule 6A-10.030) requiring students to demonstrate extensive college-level writing skills through multiple assignments. This class requires a minimum of 3000 words of writing which will be met by one formal research paper in addition to other writing assignments such as but not limited to essay tests, reflection papers, case analysis, etc. in order to fulfill this requirement.

Late Policy: Assignments will not be accepted late. If you believe there are extenuating circumstances, please contact the instructor.

Additional Policies

- You are responsible for checking canvas announcements daily. I recommend having canvas announcements forwarded to your email.

- You are responsible for keeping up with the readings and assignments.
- Disclaimer: Canvas course grades may not be 100% accurate.
- Professional courtesy and sensitivity are important with respect to individuals and topics dealing with differences of race, culture, religion, politics, sexual orientation, gender, gender variance, and nationalities. Class rosters are provided to the instructor with the student's legal name. I will gladly honor your request to address you by an alternate name or gender pronoun. Please advise me of this preference early in the semester so that I may make appropriate changes to my records. Feel free to speak to me in person or email me: rhubbard2@gulfcoast.edu

Division Policies Regarding COVID-19: The health and safety of students and faculty are a priority. If you are sick with COVID symptoms, please stay home to protect others. Notify your professor of your condition by phone or email. If you test positive for the COVID virus, please inform your instructor(s) to make arrangements for course requirements and David Thomasee, Campus Safety & Security, at 873-3582. You will receive additional instructions at that time. Confidentiality will be maintained. This information is subject to change. For the most recent information, please refer to the Gulf Coast State College website regarding COVID-19: <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/covid-19-coronavirus.html>. This information is subject to change. For the most recent information, please refer to the Gulf Coast State College website regarding COVID-19: <https://www.gulfcoast.edu/covid-19-coronavirus.html>.

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