

Philosophy 1, Selma Campus
Introduction to Philosophy

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This section of Philosophy 1 will meet Tuesday evenings from 6:00 p.m. to 8:50 p.m.

Course objective: This course is designed to familiarize you with 1) the scope, purposes, and methods of philosophy as a whole; 2) the ideas and methods of specific philosophers; and 3) the relevance of philosophic inquiry to your own life.

Required materials:

- The Experience of Philosophy (2nd ed.) from Wadsworth Pub.
- A Man For All Seasons from Random House Publishers
- a folder for your written work
- notebook paper, pencils and/or pens
- access to a word processor or typewriter

Attendance: Since this session of Philosophy 1 meets only once a week, attendance at every class session is essential. You may miss two class sessions without penalty. If you miss more than two class sessions, your final grade will be lowered by one letter grade for each additional class missed.

Grading: Your final grade will be based upon class participation and your written work. Your written work will include in-class and take-home writing assignments, two mid-term exams, a final exam, and three essays. Here is a breakdown of how your final grade will be determined:

--writing assignments	20%
--mid-term exam #1	5%
--mid-term exam #2	5%
--essay #1	10%
--essay #2	10%
--final exam	10%
--essay #3	25%
--class participation	15%

Important days:

Last day to register or to drop and not appear on transcripts	Sept. 1
Staff Development Day - no class	Sept. 5
Mid-term Exam #1, paper #1 due	Oct. 3
Final drop day	Oct. 13
Mid-term exam #2, paper #2 due	November 7
Final Exam, final paper due	Dec. 12

- August 15 Introduction to Introduction to Philosophy
- August 22 Discuss Plato (2-24) Walters (39) Russell (591)
- August 29 Discuss Clifford (265) James (270) Tolstoy (460) Russell (229-233)
- Sept. 5 **Staff Development Day - No Class**
- Sept. 12 Discuss Anselm & Gaunilo (250) Aquinas (254) Pascal (256) Holbach (259)
Hume (291) Russell (315-319)
- Sept. 19 Discuss Tolstoy (460) Camus (467) Taylor (475) Nagel (482)
- Sept. 26 Discuss Kant (500) Mill (505) Nietzsche (510) Russell (526)
- Oct. 3 **Mid-term exam #1, Essay #1 due**
- Oct. 10 Discuss "A Man For All Seasons"
- Oct. 17 Discuss Locke (204) Hume (108) Perry (112)
- Oct. 24 Discuss Holbach (150) Reid (169)
- Oct. 31 Discuss Descartes (198) Locke (206) Berkeley (210)
- Nov. 7 **Mid-term exam #2, Essay #2 due**
- Nov. 14 Discuss Hofstadter (367)
- Nov. 21 Discuss Abbott (46) Davies (82)
- Nov. 28 Discuss Dawkins (402) James (424) Davies (428)
- Dec. 5 Discuss Davies (340)
- Dec. 12 **Final exam, Final paper due**