PHIL 100 A: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

- Spring 2018

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Meeting Time: TTh 10:00am - 11:20am
Location: JHN 075
SLN: 18395
Instructor:

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ADDITIONAL DETAILS:

Philosophy asks a lot of questions about a lot of different topics, including what it means to be moral, how to
live a good life, if God exists, if there is such a thing as objective reality, how language works, and what sort of
progress science makes (or does not make). Many people have already thought about questions philosophers
like to ask, and our questions are often relevant to current affairs. Our class will give you an opportunity to
think about topics related to nature, truth, ethics, and the place of humans in the world in a systematic and
critical way, while also thinking about their relevance to popular debates about free speech, artificial
intelligence, environmental issues, and so on. In addition to learning about some of the major topics in past
and recent philosophy, our class also aims to introduce you to some of the skills and methods of philosophy.
These include close readings and analyses of texts, synthesizing complicated arguments and distilling them
down to their essentials, and writing clearly and concisely.

Catalog Description:
Major philosophical questions relating to such matters as the existence of God, the foundations of
knowledge, the nature of reality, and the nature of morality. Approach may be either historical or topical.
Offered: AWSpS.

GE Requirements:
Individuals and Societies (I&S)
Writing (W)
Credits: 5.0
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