



VESALIUS COLLEGE

Fall 2013

Course Syllabus PHL-113G:

History of Philosophy

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Course Prerequisites (if any)

none.

Learning Objectives

After this course, you should have a broad overview of the contribution of different philosophers and schools of thought to the history of ideas. You should be able to apply philosophical arguments to ethical, moral, political, social and scientific problems.

Course Description

The following subjects will be discussed:

- The Greek philosophers before Socrates
- Socrates, Plato and Aristotle
- Philosophy in the Middle Ages
- Rationalism: Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz
- Empirism: Bacon, Hume
- German idealism: Kant, Hegel
- Nihilism and existentialism: Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Heidegger, Sartre
- Philosophy of logic and language: Wittgenstein
- Postmodernism

Course Materials

A reader will be provided to the students at the start of the course.

Grading Scale of Vesalius College

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A	85-100
A-	81-84
B+	77-80
B	73-76
B-	69-72
C+	66-68
C	62-65
C-	58-61
D+	54-57
D	50-53
F	0-49

Course Assessment

The students will be evaluated on the basis of their performance as follows:

➤ Term paper 1	15%
➤ Term paper 2	15%
➤ Midterm examination (written)	30%
➤ Final examination (oral)	30%
➤ Class participation	10%
TOTAL	100%

Grading Criteria

The following criteria will be applied in assessing your written work:

- Evidence of understanding of the concepts, theories and ideas developed in the course.

Additional Course Policies

To be announced.

Academic Honesty Statement

Academic dishonesty is **NOT** tolerated in this course.

Academic honesty is not only an ethical issue but also the foundation of scholarship. Cheating and plagiarism are therefore serious breaches of academic integrity.

Following the College policy, cheating and plagiarism cases will be communicated in writing to the Associate Dean for Students and submitted to the Student Conduct Committee for disciplinary action.

If you refer to someone else's work, appropriate references and citations must be provided. Grammar, spelling and punctuation count, so use the tools necessary to correct before handing in assignments.

Course Schedule: Classes will be on Mondays from 16h30 until 18h00, and on Wednesdays from 11h30 until 13h00.