

CAG UNIVERSITY – PSYCHOLOGY DEPARTMENT
PHIL115 - INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

SYLLABUS
FALL, 2021-2022

Time: Thursday (1.Group: 09:40-12:20. 2nd Group: 13:45-16.20)

Location: Face-to-Face. İlhan Yücel Room

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Course Description: This is an Introduction to Philosophy class tailored for the first year Psychology students. In this course, we aim to provide a historical overview of philosophy to students with a special emphasis on connections between psychology and philosophy. Students are encouraged to get involved in discussions of the basic philosophical problems finding real-life connections as well as artistic and scientific contexts. The main disciplines such as metaphysics, ontology, ethics, epistemology, philosophy of mind and religion are introduced via the classics such as *Metaphysics* of Aristotle, *Confessions* of Saint Augustine and *Thus Spake Zarathustra* of Nietzsche. Discussions depart from current references to literary works and movies, and students are encouraged to write their thoughts about basic problems of philosophy and psychology such as self, mental processes and values. The class also concentrates on perennial problems of philosophy such as meaning of life, connections with religious/spiritual traditions.

Course Objectives: Teach the major problems and concepts in philosophy as well as practicing Socratic questioning/doing philosophy. Develop critical thinking and an interdisciplinary approach in philosophical problems.

Exams & Grading: Students take a mid-term and present one final research paper at the end of the semester, both to be graded out 100. Students participating in class discussions and doing independent writing research will get extra 10 points.

YOUTUBE LINKS

An introduction to the discipline of Philosophy

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zhnglxhzh7Y>

Who am I? A philosophical Questioning - Amy Adkins

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UHwVypIU3Pg>

Platon's Cave Theory- Alex Gendler

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1RWOpQXTltA>

Platon's Best and Worst Ideas– Wisecrack

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jLesc5IITvo>

Mary's Room: A Philosophical Thought Experiment - Elanor Nelsen

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mGYmiQkah4o>

TIMELINE OF PHILOSOPHY'S HISTORY

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UxT_JqhJ5rI

REFERENCES:

Books Mentioned in Course Outline (List Incomplete)

Papers from Various Books

Abbreviated Wikipedia Articles

YouTube Videos & Scripts

2021-2022 Tentative Course Outline

DATE	TEXTS & VIDEO SCRIPTS
WEEK 1 October 7, 2021	<i>What is Philosophy?</i> Metcalf <i>Main Branches of Philosophy</i> <i>How to Study Philosophy?</i> <i>Closest Things</i> . Nietzsche Entry <i>Philosophers of Philosophy</i> . <i>Wisdom Without Answers</i> . Daniel Kolak
WEEK 2 October 17, 2021	<i>What is philosophy?</i> Metcalf <i>Socratic Seminar Stems</i> <i>Socratic Sorgulama</i> . Kaan Öktem
WEEK 3 October 21, 2021	<i>Plato's Cave</i> . Youtube Video <i>Allegory of the Cave</i> . Wikipedia Entry Abbreviated <i>List of Philosophical Core Concepts</i> : An overview for the Semester
WEEK 4 October 28, 2021	<i>History of Philosophy</i> : From Pre-Socratics to Aristotle <i>Aristotle's Virtue Ethics</i> : Wikipedia Entry <i>Aristotle's Metaphysics</i> : Video Scripts <i>Identity</i> : Video Script <i>Theory of Forms in Plato</i> : Wikipedia Entry

WEEK 5 November 4, 2021	<i>Aristotle's Virtue Ethics</i> <i>Incorporating Philosophy into Psychology</i> <i>Concepts of Health and Disease</i>
WEEK 6 November 11, 2021	<i>Stoicism: Marcus Aurelius and Pandemics</i> <i>Medieval Philosophy: Saint Augustine. Wikipedia Entry</i> <i>Bilim ve Felsefe: Mustafa Çetiner (Recommended Article)</i>
WEEK 7 November 18, 2021	EXAM PERIOD: NO CLASSES
WEEK 8 November 25, 2021	MIDTERM EXAM
WEEK 9 December 2, 2021	<i>Renaissance: Video Script</i>
WEEK 10 December 9, 2021	<i>Descartes & 17th Century: Video Script</i>
WEEK 11 December 16, 2021	<i>Descartes & 17th Century: Continued</i> <i>Kant & 18th Century: YouTube Video & Script</i>
WEEK 12 December 23, 2021	<i>Kant & 18th Century: Continued</i>
WEEK 13 January 4, 2022	<i>19th Century: German Idealism, Hegel and Nietzsche: Wikipedia Entries</i>

WEEK 14 January 11, 2022	<i>Guidelines on writing a philosophy paper.</i> <i>How to write a philosophy research paper?</i> <i>How to write a philosophy paper?</i> <i>Turnitin & Plagiarism</i>
WEEK 15 January 18, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">EXAM PERIOD: NO CLASSES</p>
WEEK 16-17 January 19- 28, 2022	<p style="text-align: center;">Papers' Due Date: January 28, 2022</p>