

UNIVERSITY OF THE INCARNATE WORD
School of Professional Studies

Course Outline
PHIL 1381
Introduction to Philosophy

Course Overview Philosophy lies at the heart of the human experience. Is there a God? What is the right thing to do? What do I really know? All of us ask such questions, and all of us wonder what the answers are. In this class, you will find that many people have grappled with these questions in a deep and systematic way. During our time together, you will encounter a rich body of answers that people have given to these questions. You will also begin to learn how to rationally answer these questions for yourself.

Attendance Regular class attendance is strongly encouraged. You will get more out of this course if you come to every class meeting. Additionally, please bear in mind that missed grades will hurt you. There will be no makeup assignments. I will accept late work but which will be deducted at 10pts per week. Students are responsible to notify the instructor in advance of any issues regarding deadlines.

Participation, Punctuality and Attendance: Requirements and Expectations

Attendance: Abide by the UIW Attendance Policy as stated in the Catalog, page 77

- <http://uiw.smartcatalogiq.com/2015-2017/Catalog/VIII-Institutional-Academic-Policies/Attendance-and-Religious-Observance-Policies>
- Participation in Online courses is expected three out of seven separate days.
- Participation in Hybrid courses is expected in class, and two out of seven separate days.
- Copies of homework, tests, exams, and e-mail communication: Save for your records
- Assignments and Homework with due dates: Expected to be turned-in on time

Class Absences for Religious Observances

The University of the Incarnate Word welcomes persons of diverse backgrounds and is therefore committed to providing reasonable accommodations for students wanting to attend religious observances and who will miss class. Students must inform instructors at least two weeks prior to attending a religious observance. Students use the form found in the UIW Student Handbook & Student Code of Conduct to request accommodations from the instructor.

Course Drop Procedure

<http://adulted.uiw.edu/course-drop-procedure>

The decision to drop a course can greatly impact a student's success in meeting their educational goals. Reaching out to an academic advisor will assist you in making the best decision for your enrollment. Advisors are available to meet with you in person at our **Learning Centers**, by phone and connect with you via email. If you are unsure of your assigned advisor, please login to your Degree Works audit tool within the **MyWord portal** and click on the 'Advisor Name' listed within the 'Student View' section or you may contact us through our general student email at capadvising@uiwtx.edu or by calling **210-702-2402** to be directed to your advisor. Students must communicate with their advisor to begin the drop process. Deadlines for drops are noted on the **Registration** page in the Drop/Withdrawal Policy.

- Refund tuition at 100% (minus a \$50 administrative fee per class) if the student drops before the end of

the first week of classes (in writing before Friday @ 5:00 pm).

- Students may withdraw up to the end of the sixth week (in writing before Friday @ 5:00 pm) without academic penalty. An administrative fee of \$50 per class will be assessed. The student is responsible for full tuition as well. A grade of W will be issued.
- It is not possible to withdraw from a three-semester-hour course after the sixth week.

ARMY Students must drop their course(s) through GoArmyEd. Active duty military students are not charged a drop fee.

Assessment and Outcomes You final grade will be calculated from 4 exams and class participation. The four exams will be comprised of two tests, a mid-term, and a final examination. Test #1 and #3 will be worth 20% each, the mid-term and final will be valued at 25% each and class participation will be valued at 10%. The class participation grade will reflect your asking questions, volunteering substantive comments, and attendance. This means you can earn a maximum of 100 pts. in the class. At the end of the course I will use the UIW grading scale below to get your final course grade. (Further details regarding the University's grading policy are in the student handbook.) You will be graded on your mastery of critical skills and disciplinary content. You are expected to be competent with respect to both.

Please note that all assignments will be given at the start of class.

Total Points	Final Grade	Total Points	Final Grade
93 and above	A	70-76	C
90-92	A-	67-69	D+
87-89	B+	63-66	D
83-86	B	60-62	D-
80-82	B-	59 and below	F
77-79	C+		

Required Text See textbook section of Blackboard for information

Academic Integrity Statement University of the Incarnate Word is strongly committed to the nurturing of academic excellence. The University expects its students to pursue and maintain truth, honesty, and personal integrity in their academic work. Academic dishonesty, in any form, constitutes a serious threat to the freedoms which define an academic community. Any student who is proved to be found dishonest can be given 0 points for that assignment, failure of the course, or expulsion from the program. Forms of Academic Dishonesty include, but are not limited to:

1. Cheating on tests, examinations, or other class or laboratory work.
2. Plagiarism (appropriation of another's work and the unacknowledged incorporation of that work in one's own written work offered for credit).
3. Counterfeit work - including turning in as one's own, work which was created, researched, or produced by someone else.
4. Falsification of Academic Records - knowingly and improperly changing grades on transcripts, grade sheets, electronic data sheets, class reports, projects, or other academically related documents.
5. Unauthorized reuse of work - the turning in of the same work to more than one class without consent of the instructor involved constitutes academic dishonesty.

6. Theft - unauthorized use or circulation of tests or answer sheets specifically prepared for a given course and as yet not used or publicly released by the instructor of a course, or theft of completed tests.
7. Collusion - unauthorized collaboration with another person to violate a provision of the Code of Academic Integrity.
8. Facilitating academic dishonesty - intentionally or knowingly helping or attempting to help another to violate a provision of the Academic Integrity Policy of the University.

Disability Accommodations

Disability Accommodations:

The University of the Incarnate Word is committed to providing a supportive, challenging, diverse and integrated environment for all students. In accordance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act – Subpart E, Title III of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), and Title III of the ADA Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), the University ensures accessibility to its programs, services and activities for qualified students with documented disabilities. To qualify for services, the student must provide Student Disability Services with the appropriate documentation of his or her disability at the time services and/or accommodations are requested.

Pregnancy Accommodations:

Under the Department of Education's (DOE) regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the University does not discriminate against any student on the basis of pregnancy or pregnancy related conditions.

To request reasonable accommodations for disability, temporary disability (e.g., injury, surgery) or pregnancy, please contact:

Student Disability Services
4301 Broadway CPO 295
Administration Building – Suite 51
San Antonio, TX 78209
(210) 829-3997
(210) 283-6329
www.uiw.edu/sds

Title IX Information

Unlawful discrimination has no place at the University of the Incarnate Word. It violates the University's core values, including its commitment to equal opportunity and inclusion, and will not be tolerated. The University of the Incarnate Word prohibits sexual misconduct, that can include: (1) sex and gender based discrimination; (2) sexual and sex and gender based harassment (including a hostile environment based on sex or gender); (3) sexual assault; (4) sexual exploitation; (5) stalking; and (6) relationship violence (including dating and domestic violence). For more information, or to report an incident, please visit www.uiw.edu/titleix.

Course Schedule Below is the general schedule we shall follow for this course. Do the reading listed for each day *before* coming to that day's class. Graded assignments are in **bold** for easy reference.

Each week you will notice a number in parenthesis. This is the Alternative Learning Equivalencies for this course. It is an expectation for the minimum amount of time (hours) you will spend on each topic each week. Its primary purpose is for accreditation.

Week	Topic	Assignment
Week 1	Course intro, Intro to Philosophy, Logic, The Legacy of Socrates	Preface, Appendix, & Chapter 1
Week 2	God (proofs for God), and the Problem of Evil	Chapters 2 & 3
Week 3	Test 1 and Death	Test 1 , Chapter 4
Week 4	Personal Identity, Body & Mind, & Thinking Machines	Chapters 5, 6 & 7
Week 5	Mid-term Exam , and The Case Against Free Will	Mid-term , Chapter 8
Week 6	Debate over Free Will, Knowledge, the World Around Us, & Ethics and Objectivity	Chapters 9, 10 & 11
Week 7	Test 3 , Morality and the Meaning of Life	Test 3 , Chapters 12 & 13
Week 8	Final Exam	Final Exam

Please note that this course outline may change if necessary.

Philosophy Resources on the Internet

1. <http://libguides.uiwtx.edu/c.php?g=442534&p=3017067> (UIW EAP library research guide to philosophy)
2. <http://plato.stanford.edu/> (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)
3. <http://www.iep.utm.edu/> (Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy)
4. <http://www.philosophypages.com/dy/> (online philosophy dictionary)
5. <http://www.ditext.com/runes/b.html> (online philosophy dictionary)