

COURSE OUTLINE		
<b>TERM: Fall 2018</b>	<b>COURSE NO: PHIL 102</b>	
<b>INSTRUCTOR:</b>	<b>COURSE TITLE: Introductory Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality</b>	
<b>OFFICE:</b> <b>E-MAIL:</b>	<b>SECTION NO(S):</b>	<b>CREDITS: 3</b>
<b>OFFICE HOURS:</b>		
<b>COURSE WEBSITE:</b>		

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**COURSE FORMAT:**

Three hours of class time per week, plus an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities for a 15 week semester, which includes two weeks for final exams.

**COURSE PREREQUISITES/CO-REQUISITES: None**

**CALENDAR DESCRIPTION:**

An introduction to the part of philosophy concerned with questions about the ultimate nature of the world we live in and our knowledge of it (traditionally called Metaphysics and Epistemology). The issues discussed include: the existence and nature of God, the place of human beings in the universe, the nature of reality, human nature, human knowledge and skepticism, freedom and determinism, and the relationship between mind and body. The emphasis of the course varies from instructor to instructor.

**COURSE NOTE:**

PHIL 102 is an approved Self and Society course for Cap Core requirements.

**REQUIRED TEXTS AND/OR RESOURCES:** Crumley, Jack S. *Introducing Philosophy: Knowledge and Reality*. Broadview, 2016.

**COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES**

**On successful completion of this course, students will be able to do the following:**

1. Explain the key concepts of epistemology and metaphysics.
2. Explain the major epistemological and metaphysical theories and positions covered in the course.
3. Discuss abstract questions relating to metaphysical and epistemological issues.
4. Critically challenge often uncritically accepted assumptions about what we know and the nature of reality.

5. Apply their understanding of epistemological and metaphysical theories and arguments to contemporary issues and contexts.

**Students who complete this Self and Society course will be able to do the following:**

1. Identify potential root causes of local/global problems and how they affect local/global cultures, economies, politics, and policies.
2. Assess and evaluate individual and collective responsibilities within a diverse and interconnected global society.
3. Synthesize a range of differing community perspectives on ethics and justice and explain how these perspectives can inform structural change.
4. Explain how contexts (e.g. cultural, historical, colonial, economic, technological) shape identity formation and social structures.

**COURSE CONTENT:**

	Topic	Readings (from Crumley, except as noted.)
Week 1	Introduction to the course Philosophical methods	Introduction.
Week 2	Skepticism	1. Skepticism, Descartes: <i>Meditations</i> 1 and 2 (on Moodle)
Week 3	Skepticism	1. Skepticism
Week 4	Kinds of knowledge	2. Knowledge
Week 5	Analysis of knowledge	2. Knowledge
Week 6	Justification	3. Justification
Week 7	New Directions in Epistemology	4. New Directions
Week 8	Perception	5. Perception
Week 9	Mind	8. Theories of Mind
Week 10	Personal Identity	9. Personal Identity
Week 11	Free Will	10. Free Will
Week 12	Arguments for God	11. God: Nature and Existence
Week 13	Problem of Evil	11. God: Nature and Existence
Week 14 & 15	Final Exam period	

**EVALUATION PROFILE:**

In-class participation	10%
Tests	20% - 50%
Essay(s)	20% - 40%
Final Exam	20% - 30%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

The participation mark is determined by attendance and appropriate participation in in-class activities. No single evaluation component will be worth more than 35%.

**GRADING PROFILE:**

A+ = 90-100	B+ = 77-79	C+ = 67-69	D = 50-59
A = 85-89	B = 73-76	C = 63-66	F = 0-49
A- = 80-84	B- = 70-72	C- = 60-62	

**Incomplete Grades**

Grades of Incomplete "I" are assigned only in exceptional circumstances when a student requests extra time to complete their coursework. Such agreements are made only at the request of the student, who is responsible to determine from the instructor the outstanding requirements of the course.

**Late Assignments**

Assignments are due at the beginning of the class on the due date specified by the instructor. If you anticipate handing in an assignment late, consult with your instructor beforehand. Late assignments are penalized 5% per day or part of a day that they are late.

**Missed Exams/Quizzes/Labs etc.**

Make-up exams, quizzes and/or tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises. Some missed labs or other activities may not be able to be accommodated. Please consult with your instructor.

**Attendance**

Students are expected to attend all classes and associated activities.

**English Usage**

Students are expected to proofread all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Instructors may deduct marks for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

**Electronic Devices**

Students may use electronic devices during class for note-taking only.

**On-line Communication**

Outside of the classroom, instructors will (if necessary) communicate with students using either their official Capilano University email or Moodle; please check both regularly. Official communication between Capilano University and students is delivered to students' Capilano University email addresses only.

**UNIVERSITY OPERATIONAL DETAILS****Tools for Success**

Many services are available to support student success for Capilano University students. A central navigation point for all services can be found at: <http://www.capilanou.ca/services/>

**Capilano University Security: download the [CapU Mobile Safety App](#)**

**Policy Statement (S2009-06)**

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grade), Student Conduct, Academic Integrity, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

**Academic Integrity (S2017-05)**

Any instance of academic dishonesty or breach of the standards of academic integrity is serious and students will be held accountable for their actions, whether acting alone or in a group. See policy S2017-05 for more information: <http://www.capilanou.ca/about/governance/policies/Policies/>

Violations of academic integrity, including dishonesty in assignments, examinations, or other academic performances, are prohibited and will be handled in accordance with the Student Academic Integrity Procedures.

**Academic dishonesty** is any act that breaches one or more of the principles of academic integrity. Acts of academic dishonesty may include but are not limited to the following types:

**Cheating:** Using or providing unauthorized aids, assistance or materials while preparing or completing assessments, or when completing practical work (in clinical, practicum, or lab settings), including but not limited to the following:

- Copying or attempting to copy the work of another during an assessment;
- Communicating work to another student during an examination;
- Using unauthorized aids, notes, or electronic devices or means during an examination;
- Unauthorized possession of an assessment or answer key; and/or,
- Submitting of a substantially similar assessment by two or more students, except in the case where such submission is specifically authorized by the instructor.

**Fraud:** Creation or use of falsified documents.

**Misuse or misrepresentation of sources:** Presenting source material in such a way as to distort its original purpose or implication(s); misattributing words, ideas, etc. to someone other than the original source; misrepresenting or manipulating research findings or data; and/or suppressing aspects of findings or data in order to present conclusions in a light other than the research, taken as a whole, would support.

**Plagiarism:** Presenting or submitting, as one's own work, the research, words, ideas, artistic imagery, arguments, calculations, illustrations, or diagrams of another person or persons without explicit or accurate citation or credit.

**Self-Plagiarism:** Submitting one's own work for credit in more than one course without the permission of the instructors, or re-submitting work, in whole or in part, for which credit has already been granted without permission of the instructors.

**Prohibited Conduct:** The following are examples of other conduct specifically prohibited:

- Taking unauthorized possession of the work of another student (for example, intercepting and removing such work from a photocopier or printer, or collecting the graded work of another student from a stack of papers);
- Falsifying one's own and/or other students' attendance in a course;
- Impersonating or allowing the impersonation of an individual;
- Modifying a graded assessment then submitting it for re-grading; or,
- Assisting or attempting to assist another person to commit any breach of academic integrity.

### **Sexual Violence and Misconduct**

All Members of the University Community have the right to work, teach and study in an environment that is free from all forms of sexual violence and misconduct. Policy B401 defines sexual assault as follows:

Sexual assault is any form of sexual contact that occurs without ongoing and freely given consent, including the threat of sexual contact without consent. Sexual assault can be committed by a stranger, someone known to the survivor or an intimate partner.

Safety and security at the University are a priority and any form of sexual violence and misconduct will not be tolerated or condoned. The University expects all Students and Members of the University Community to abide by all laws and University policies, including [B.401 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Policy](#) and [B.401.1 Sexual Violence and Misconduct Procedure](#).

**Emergencies:** Students are expected to familiarise themselves with the emergency policies where appropriate and the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.