1. **COURSE TITLE\*: INTRODUCTION TO WESTERN PHILOSOPHY**
2. **COURSE SECTION\*: PHIL 1102**
3. **PREREQUISITE(S)\*: ENGL 1101 COREQUISITE(S)\*: NONE**
4. **COURSE TIME/LOCATION/MODALITY: (*Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific*)**
5. **CREDIT HOURS\*: 3 LECTURE HOURS\*: 3**

**LABORATORY HOURS\*: 0 OBSERVATION HOURS\*: 0**

1. **FACULTY CONTACT INFORMATION: *(Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***
2. **COURSE DESCRIPTION\*:**

This course is designed to acquaint students with the value and various methods of philosophically examining life experiences, as well as to acquaint them with the historical development of Western philosophy from the Greeks to the modern age. Students are required to read at least one primary work by a major Western philosopher, as well as to write short philosophical papers. In addition, students will be encouraged to raise philosophical questions about knowledge, experience, value systems, and so forth.

1. **LEARNING OUTCOMES\*:**

The students will:

(1) Demonstrate an understanding of basic philosophical inquiry from the days of Socrates and Plato through the 20th Century;

(2) Demonstrate a general understanding of the development of Western philosophy;

(3) Demonstrate an understanding of the impact of Judeo-Christian beliefs on Western philosophy;

(4) Demonstrate an understanding of the relationship of philosophy to other aspects of society (politics, religion, education, business, medicine, etc.);

(5) Demonstrate a more detailed understanding of at least one major Western philosopher

(6) Demonstrate an understanding of basic philosophical terms.

1. **ADOPTED TEXT(S)\*:**

*Archetypes of Wisdom: An Introduction to Philosophy* 9th Edition

Douglas J. Soccio

Cengage ISBN: 978-1-2858-7431-9

**9a: SUPPLEMENTAL TEXTS APPROVED BY FULL TIME DEPARTMENTAL FACULTY (INSTRUCTOR MUST NOTIFY THE BOOKSTORE BEFORE THE TEXTBOOK ORDERING DEADLINE DATE PRIOR TO ADOPTION) \*\*\*.**

1. **OTHER REQUIRED MATERIALS: (SEE APPENDIX C FOR TECHNOLOGY REQUEST FORM.)\*\***

Students may be required to post videos of themselves speaking for some assignments. Therefore, access to a camera and microphone, as well as software necessary to upload these videos to Canvas, is required for this course. Contact the [SSCC Library](mailto:reference@sscc.edu) for information about obtaining school equipment for this purpose. (800) 628-7722 x2680

1. **GRADING SCALE\*\*\*:**

Grading will follow the policy in the catalog. The scale is as follows:

A: 90 – 100

B: 80 – 89

C: 70 – 79

D: 60 – 69

F: 0 – 59

1. **GRADING PROCEDURES OR ASSESSMENTS: (*Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***

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| *Category* | ***EXAMPLE ONLY***  *Total Points* | *% of Grade* |
| Chapter Assignments (10x30) | 300 | 30% |
| Quizzes (10x20) | 200 | 20% |
| Unit Exams (3x100) | 300 | 30% |
| Assignments (5x10) | 50 | 5% |
| Essay Project (100) | 100 | 10% |
| Attendance | 50 | 5% |
| Total | 1000 | 100% |

1. **COURSE METHODOLOGY: *(Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***

Classes will consist of some combination of lectures, class discussions, small group projects, videos, outside assignments, and supplemental materials. Interactive class discussion is encouraged, and staying current on reading assignments is necessary to be able to actively participate in class discussions.

**14. COURSE OUTLINE: *(Course Syllabus – Individual Instructor Specific)***

***(Insert sample course outline with learning outcomes tied to assignments / topics.)***

The course must include readings and discussions about at least four of the textbook chapters on the Classical Age and four on the Modern Age of Western philosophy.

***Classical Age chapters***

Week 1: The Pre-Socratic: Sophos (LOs 1, 2, 6,)

Week 2: The Sophist: Protagoras (LOs 1, 2, 6,)

Week 3: The Wise Man: Socrates (LOs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6,)

Week 4: The Philosopher-King: Plato (LOs 1, 2, 6,)

Week 5: The Naturalist: Aristotle (LOs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6,)

Week 6: The Stoic(s): Epictetus and/or Marcus Aurelius (LOs 1, 2, 4, 5, 6,)

***Modern Age chapters***

Week 7: The Rationalist: Rene Descartes (LOs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,)

Week 8: The Skeptic: David Hume (LOs 1, 2, 6,)

Week 9: The Universalist: Immanuel Kant (LOs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,)

Week 10: The Utilitarian: John Stuart Mill (LOs 1, 2, 6,)

Week 11: The Materialist: Karl Marx (LOs 1, 2, 6,)

Week 12: The Existentialist: Soren Kierkegaard (LOs 1, 2, 6,)

Week 13: The Pragmatist: William James (LOs 1, 2, 6,)

Week 14: The Anti-Philosopher: Friedrich Nietzsche (LOs 1, 2, 3, 6,)

Week 15: The 20th Century: Ludwig Wittgenstein and Martin Heidegger (LOs 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6,)

**15. SPECIFIC MANAGEMENT REQUIREMENTS\*\*\*:**

**Learning Materials:**

Students will be assigned learning materials throughout the duration of the class. Engaging with these learning materials will prepare students to successfully complete the course learning activities and assessments. Students are required to read, listen to, or watch all assigned texts and videos about the course and about the course topics.

**Learning Activities and Assessments:**

Students will frequently be assigned learning activities. Learning activities provide students with an opportunity to work with learning materials and develop the skills to be successful completing the assessments. Students will periodically be assigned assessments. Assessments measure how well the student has met the student learning outcomes.

**16. FERPA:\***

Students need to understand that your work may be seen by others. Others may see your work when being distributed, during group project work, or if it is chosen for demonstration purposes. Students also need to know that there is a strong possibility that your work may be submitted to other entities for the purpose of plagiarism checks.

**17. ACCOMMODATIONS: \***

Students requesting accommodations may contact the Academic Affairs office administrative assistant, Barb Fleming, at bfleming@sscc.edu or 937-393-3431 X-2620.

Students seeking a religious accommodation for absences permitted under Ohio’s Testing Your Faith Act must provide the instructor and the Academic Affairs office with written notice of the specific dates for which the student requires an accommodation and must do so no later than fourteen (14) days after the first day of instruction or fourteen (14) days before the dates of absence, whichever comes first.  For more information about Religious Accommodations, see the full policy at <https://www.sscc.edu/services/accessibility-services.shtml#religious-accommodations>

or contact the Academic Affairs office administrative assistant, Barb Fleming, at [bfleming@sscc.edu](mailto:bfleming@sscc.edu) or 937-393-3431 X-2620.

**18. OTHER INFORMATION\*\*\*:**

**SYLLABUS TEMPLATE KEY**

**\*** Item cannot be altered from that which is included in the master syllabus approved by the Curriculum Committee.

**\*\*** Any alteration or addition must be approved by the Curriculum Committee

**\*\*\*** Item should begin with language as approved in the master syllabus but may be added to at the discretion of the faculty member.