



HZT4U
Philosophy:
Questions and Theories
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Course Description

This course will examine several fundamental philosophical questions such as: what is the self? What is the nature of reality? How should we live?

We will be reading the thoughts of some of the great philosophers from the Western and other traditions, but the course is not just a study of their theories. We will study those philosophers only to help us better understand the questions we are examining.

Unit 1: Logic	What makes sense?
Unit 2: Metaphysics	What is real?
Summative 1	Essay
Unit 3: Ethics	What is right and wrong?
Unit 4: Intro to Epistemology, Aesthetics	How do we know? What is beauty?
Summative 2	Presentation

ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION POLICY:

Refer to the SWL Assessment and Evaluation Policy.

Term Work – 70%

Knowledge and Understanding: 15%
Thinking and Inquiry: 20%
Communication: 20%
Application: 15%

Summative - 30%

Summative Essay: 15%
Summative Presentation: 15%

Overall Expectations:

Explore, investigate, process information in, communicate on, and reflect upon topics related to philosophy.
Demonstrate an understanding of the main areas of philosophy including Logic, Metaphysics, Ethics, and Epistemology.
Demonstrate an understanding of the reasoning and critical thinking skills, applied and communicated in various contexts.