

COURSE SYLLABUS

1. TITLE OF COURSE: **Introduction to Philosophy**

PREFIX/NUMBER: **PHI 111** CREDIT HOURS: **3** CONTACT HOURS: **45**

2. PREREQUISITE: Accuplacer score of SS 70+, or successful completion of any CCR course with a grade of S/C or better

3. INSTRUCTOR: Ryan M. Murphy, ryan.murphy@pueblocc.edu

4. RESOURCES NEEDED:

TEXT: **The Philosopher's Way: Thinking Critically About Profound Ideas**, John Chaffee, 5th Edition, Pearson 2016. ISBN: 0133867544

5. SUPPLIES: Note-taking materials, internet access, access to a word processor and printer

6. COURSE DESCRIPTION: Introduces significant human questions and emphasizes understanding the meaning and methods of philosophy. Includes human condition, knowledge, freedom, history, ethics, the future, and religion.~~This course is one of the Statewide Guaranteed Transfer courses. GT-AH3

7. COURSE OBJECTIVES:

- I. **Identify and distinguish the major questions in philosophy.**
- II. **Identify and distinguish some of the major schools of philosophy.**
- III. **Demonstrate an understanding of the methods of philosophical thinking.**
- IV. **Critically evaluate primary philosophical sources.**
- V. **Communicate philosophical questions and positions to others.**
- VI. **Read, analyze and apply written material to new situations.**
- VII. **Write and speak clearly and logically in presentations and essays.**
- VIII. **Demonstrate the ability to select and apply contemporary forms of technology to solve problems or compile information.**

8. EVALUATION PROCEDURES:

Course Assignments	Point Distributions
Attendance	200
Short Written Responses	200
Take Home Quizzes	300
Argument Paper Peer Workshop	125
Argument Paper Final Draft	125
Mini-Presentation	50
TOTAL POINTS	1000

Minimum Grading Scale

Raw Score Range (*as percentage*) Letter Grade

90 to 100

A

80 to 89

B

70 to 79

C

60 to 69

D

0 to 59

F

9. COURSE OUTLINE: This is a topical outline of subjects to be covered.

I. The Meaning and Values of Philosophy

A. Definitions of Philosophy

B. Methods of Philosophy

C. Applications of Philosophy

II. Knowledge (Epistemology)

A. The Meaning of Knowledge

B. Sources of Knowledge

C. Verification of Knowledge

III. Philosophy and the Nature of Reality

A. Religion

B. Cosmology (Philosophy of Science)

C. Mind-Body Relationship

IV. Ethics and the Human Condition

A. Normative Justification

B. Freedom

C. Aesthetics

- V. **Philosophy and Society**
 - A. **Politics**
 - B. **History**

9. **METHODS OF INSTRUCTION:**

To be successful in this course, students are expected to participate in a variety of activities as determined by the instructor. These include, but are not limited to, presentations, group work, projects, worksheets, and exams. The instructor may assign point values to such activities.

10. **STUDENT CONDUCT:**

All students at Pueblo Community College are expected to adhere to the Pueblo Community College (PCC) Student Code of Conduct as described in the PCC Student Handbook. Students may be removed from one class session by the faculty/instructor for any violation of the Code or classroom rules. Additional sanctions, including withdrawal from this class, for violations of the Code or classroom rules are applied through the Dean of Student Success.

11. **USE OF ELECTRONICS IN THE CLASSROOM:**

Computers and other electronic devices may be used in the classroom only for academic purposes as directed by the instructor. Texting and/or accessing personal e-mail and social networking sites such as *Facebook* are not allowed. All cell phones must be turned off during class. If a student uses an unapproved electronic device during a test or class activity, the student will receive no credit for the activity or test, may be asked to leave the classroom, and/ or may fail the course for cheating.

12. **AUDIO/VIDEO RECORDING:**

Except where a student is entitled to make an audio or video recording of class lectures and discussions as an educational accommodation determined through the student's interactive process with college disability services, a student may not record lectures or classroom discussions unless written permission from the class instructor has been obtained and all students in the class as well as guest speakers have been informed that the audio/video recording may occur. A student granted permission to record may use the recording only for his or her own study and may not publish or post the recording on YouTube or any other medium or venue without the instructor's explicit written authorization.

Please contact college disability services at 719.549.3446 if you require an educational accommodation.

13. ACADEMIC INTEGRITY:

Pueblo Community College is committed to providing a superior educational experience for all students who attend the college. Academic integrity and honesty in all educational classrooms and programs are critical in providing this high level of education. Academic dishonesty is any form of cheating which results in students giving or receiving unauthorized assistance in an academic exercise or receiving credit for work which is not their own. For a complete definition of academic dishonesty, see the PCC Student Handbook.

It is the student's responsibility to be aware of the behaviors that constitute academic dishonesty. Academic misbehaviors may have additional College disciplinary sanctions imposed through the Office of Dean of Student Success by the Director of Student Judicial Affairs. Disciplinary sanctions for violating the standards of academic integrity may include warning, probation, or suspension. Academic sanctions may include failure of the course or the assignment. Students may receive both disciplinary and academic sanctions.

14. DISABILITY STATEMENT:

Students who have a documented disability may be eligible to receive accommodations for this class. Please contact the Disability Resources Center at 549.3446 for further information.

15. ATTENDANCE POLICY

Dropping Classes:

It is the student's responsibility to drop a course if it becomes necessary. Drop dates are assigned to all courses and are found on the schedule through MyPCC – Portal. If a student does not want to be held liable for tuition and fees or have a transcript record created, he or she must drop the course before the drop date for the course.

The deadline for dropping this class is **Thursday, September 8th, 2016**

Withdrawal from Classes:

PCC has instituted the following policy on class withdrawals. It is the student's responsibility to initiate all withdrawals (from a course or the college). There is an expectation that the student will inform their instructor, contact the financial aid office, and initiate the process electronically or go to the college "Go Zone" for assistance. Faculty will not withdraw students for lack of attendance but issue the appropriate grade earned by the student at the end of the semester. Some disciplines and programs have very specific

attendance policies that the student must comply with to meet accreditation standards or departmental standards.

The deadline for withdrawing from this class is **Saturday, November 19, 2016**

Addendum

Pueblo Community College prohibits and will not tolerate discrimination or harassment that violates federal, state law, or Board Policy 3-120 or Board Policy 4-120. The College does not discriminate on the basis of sex/gender, race, color, age, creed, national or ethnic origin, physical or mental disability, veteran status, pregnancy status, religion or sexual orientation.

The College complies with Titles VI and VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, the Civil Rights Act of 1991, the Education Amendments of 1972 (Title IX), the Age Discrimination in Employment Act, Section 540 of the Rehabilitation Act of 1973, Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (ADA), and the Americans with Disabilities Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), Pregnancy Discrimination Act of 1978, Vietnam Era Veterans Readjustment Assistance Act of 1974; Executive Order 11246, and sections 24-34-301, C.R.S. *et seq.*

The College has designated the Director of Human Resources as its Affirmative Action Officer with the responsibility to coordinate its civil rights compliance activities and grievance procedures. For information, contact the Director of Human Resources, 900 W. Orman Avenue, telephone and TDD 719.549.3220; or the Office for Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, Region VIII, Federal Office Building, 1244 North Speer Boulevard, Suite 310, Denver, CO 80204, telephone 303.844.3417.

Declaración de No-Discriminación: Pueblo Community College es una institución educativa de oportunidades iguales y no discrimina por razones de edad, raza, religión, color, origen nacional, género, orientación sexual, condición de veterano, o discapacidad en sus actividades, programas o prácticas de empleo como lo requiere el Título VI, Título IX, Sección 504, Ley de Discriminación por Edad, y el Título II de la ADA (Ley de Estadounidenses con Discapacidades). El Colegio ha designado al director de recursos humanos como su oficial de acción afirmativa con la responsabilidad de coordinar las actividades de cumplimiento de los derechos civiles y los procedimientos de quejas. Para más información, hay que ponerse en contacto con el Director de Recursos Humanos, 900 West Orman Avenue, Pueblo, Colorado 81004, teléfono y TDD 719.549.3220, o la Oficina de Derechos Civiles del Departamento de Educación de EE.UU., Región VIII, Federal Office Building, 1244 North Speer Boulevard, Suite 310, Denver, Colorado 80204 Teléfono 303.844.5695, 303.844.3417 TDD.

Gainful Employment Information: The US Department of Education requires disclosure of information for any financial aid eligible program that "prepares students for gainful employment in a recognized occupation." For more information go to <http://www.pueblocc.edu/AboutUs/IR/EmploymentData.htm>. Reasonable accommodations will be provided upon request for persons with disabilities. To make a request, please notify the PCC Disability Resources Team at 719.549.3446 or Disability.Resources@pueblocc.edu at least four working days before the event.