



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

Course Syllabus – PHI 2010 – 202520

*Instructions: SB 7044 requires that syllabi for General Education **core** courses be posted publicly 45 days prior to the start of each term. The syllabi must include the course curriculum, goals, objectives, and “student expectations of the course,” as well as how student performance will be measured. This is required for **every section** of a course. Please note that a full schedule or other details are not required within that timeframe—only the items listed above. This syllabus template is provided to assist faculty with completing the necessary information to satisfy the state requirement. Faculty should be able to copy and paste this information into their full syllabus when college syllabus templates are provided each semester, or to develop their syllabi further based on what they submit 45 days prior. All text in italics are instructions to help faculty comply with state requirements. The text in italics should be removed and replaced with the appropriate content. The following FAQ document is very helpful in addressing any questions about the rule implementation: [Rule 6A-14.092 - Implementation Questions and Answers \(fldoe.org\)](#).*

Course Name: Introduction to Philosophy

Course Number: PHI 2010

Section: L01

Location: Online

Class Meeting Times: Online

Credit Hours: 3 Credit Hours

Instructor Name: L. Dean Allen, Ph.D.

Instructor Office Location & Office Hours: Niceville Campus, Building 100, Office 123.
Monday 9:45-10:45, 1:00-3:30, 5:00-6:30; Tuesday 11:00-1:00; Wednesday 9:45-10:45;
Thursday 11:00-1:00

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Course Curriculum

In the course, students will be introduced to the nature of philosophy, philosophical thinking, major intellectual movements in the history of philosophy, including topics from the western philosophical tradition, and various problems in philosophy.

Goals

Students will strengthen their intellectual skills, become more effective learners, and develop broad foundational knowledge.

Objectives

Student Learning Outcomes:

- Students will develop critical thinking skills
- Students will demonstrate an understanding of classical western philosophical views.
- Students will analyze, explain and evaluate foundational concepts of epistemology, metaphysics and ethics.

Student Expectations of the Course

Your NWFSC email is the official communication medium of the College. Please check College email regularly for any class and College notifications. When you communicate with the instructor via e-mail, you should expect a reply within one business day.

Participation in online discussions is required. You do not need any background in philosophy to participate successfully. You need only to read the assignments, attend class, contribute to discussions, ask questions, and be willing to learn.

Participation in online discussions counts for 20% of your grade in this course. You will complete three written assignments, each worth 20% of your final course grade, covering your reflection on major topics in philosophy. You will complete an oral presentation on a philosopher, which counts for 20% of your final course grade. You also may complete five, optional extra-credit personal journals on topics in philosophy.

How Student Performance Will be Measured

Student performance will be measured by Participation in Online Discussions, Three Written Assignments, a Philosopher Presentation, and Extra-Credit Personal Journals.