



NORTHWEST FLORIDA STATE COLLEGE

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INSTRUCTOR INFORMATION

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Instructor Communication

Your NWFSC email is the official communication medium of the college. Please check your college email regularly for any class and college notifications. The instructor will respond within 36 hours, Monday through Friday. Course notifications may include your Canvas email account.

OPTIONAL SPACE FOR INSTRUCTOR

It is the responsibility of a student to observe campus rules and regulations and to help maintain appropriate conditions in the classroom, on the campus, and in the community. The Student Code of Conduct is a statement of Northwest Florida State College expectations regarding student standards of conduct, both academic and non-academic. It is the student's responsibility to read the Code of Conduct and follow its expectations. The complete NWFSC Student Handbook can be found at <https://catalog.nwfsc.edu/> Students who stop attending class or are not able to pass the course due to attendance expectations stated in the syllabus, may receive a failing grade which may impact the receipt of federal aid in subsequent courses. Students traveling for college approved activities will not be penalized academically but will be responsible for missed work.

COURSE INFORMATION

- Course Name and Number: PHI 2010/20690
- Class Location (Campus/Building/Room): Niceville Campus
- Class Modality: Online
- Class Days: Monday through Friday
- Class Times: 9:00am-5:00pm
- Online Classroom with Gradebook: [Canvas class shell](#)
- Final Exam: TBA

COURSE DESCRIPTION

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

COURSE-LEVEL 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.

COURSE PREREQUISITES

A passing score on the standardized placement test measuring communications/verbal/ reading achievement, successful completion of any required developmental English and Reading coursework with a grade of “C” or better, or exemption from placement testing. **COURSE MATERIALS**
Enter course materials and textbooks.

STUDENT EXPECTATIONS AND RESOURCES

NWFSC aims for excellence in education and scholarly pursuits. Campus policies and procedures support this goal by protecting the health, safety, welfare, and property of the College and its students. To view all campus policies, please see the [college catalog](#). Several essential policies are provided below.

NWFSC POLICY	DESCRIPTION
Academic Integrity	Students are expected to behave responsibly as members of the College community and be honest and forthright in their academic endeavors. They are also expected to behave professionally and refrain from disrupting other students’ learning environments.
Accommodations	The Accommodation Resource Center at Northwest Florida State College is committed to providing equal access and opportunities for educational success to all students with disabilities as guided by the American Disabilities Act and other disability-related laws.
Attendance	Regular attendance and participation in the course is expected.
Tutoring Services	Tutoring services are available in person and online.
Counseling Services	All actively enrolled students can receive an initial assessment and up to five therapeutic sessions with a Behavioral Health provider at no cost to the student.

<u>Student Code of Conduct</u>	Students are expected to adhere to the rules, regulations, and policies outlined in the Student Code of Conduct.
<u>Student Complaints</u>	NWFSC desires to resolve student grievances, complaints, and concerns expeditiously, fairly, and in an amicable manner. A student who desires to resolve a grievance may initiate the resolution process using the information in the link provided to the left.
<u>Student Rights and Responsibilities</u>	Understanding your role as a student.

MAKE-UP WORK

No assignments will be accepted after the due date with exception to a legitimate reason such as a family emergency. A late assignment with a legitimate reason (medical or family emergency) will be taken into consideration with the late penalty waived and a makeup assignment for the missing day or week. Each case is dealt with on an individual level. It is suggested that you plan your course schedule ahead to guarantee a graded assignment.

ASSIGNMENTS, GRADING SCHEME AND PROCEDURES

Assignments

Student learning will be evaluated by percentages. Final grades will be determined as follows:

Assignment Category	Points/Percentage of Grade	Due Date
Discussions Posts	20%	Weekly
Response Questions	20%	Weekly
Reflective Papers	30%	After the film or documentary
Project Presentation	30%	Before Course Ends
Total	100%	

Grading Scheme

Grade	Range
A	90 – 100 %
B	80 – 89 %
C	70 – 79 %
D	60 – 69 %
F	59 and less %

OTHER IMPORTANT INFORMATION

TECHNICAL SKILLS AND SPECIALIZED TECHNOLOGY

This course is entirely online. Students must provide their device(s) to access and complete this class online. In addition to baseline word processing skills and sending/receiving emails with attachments, students will be expected to search the Internet and upload/download files. If you encounter technology challenges using course resources in the Learning Management System, email the Center for Innovative Teaching and Learning at online@nwfsc.edu or call 850-729-6464.

EMERGENCY COLLEGE CLOSURE

This course's schedule, requirements, and procedures are subject to change in the event of unusual or extraordinary circumstances. If the College closes for inclement weather or another emergency, any exams, presentations, or assignments previously scheduled during the closure period will automatically be rescheduled for the first regular class meeting held once the college reopens. If changes to graded activities are required, students will not be penalized due to the adjustments but will be responsible for meeting revised deadlines and course requirements.

ACADEMIC INTEGRITY TOOLS

Northwest Florida State College subscribes to Turnitin, an online plagiarism detection and prevention service. By enrolling in this class, students consent to upload their papers to Turnitin, where they will be checked for plagiarism. Papers submitted to Turnitin may be saved as source documents within these databases to detect plagiarism in other papers. Please note: All assignments submitted in this course are analyzed for plagiarism and originality.

ACADEMIC CONTINUITY PLAN

NWFSC is dedicated to protecting the health and well-being of its students, staff, and faculty. The College is dedicated to working with faculty and students to ensure timely course and program completion during emergencies. In the event of a College closure, the format of this course may

be modified to enable completion of the course through other means, including but not limited to online course delivery through online classrooms. Check your RaiderNet College email and LMS classroom online for any updates.

WELCOME TO CLASS

This philosophy course is designed to introduce students to the interpretive study of human knowledge and its metaphysical inquires across time. Students will employ cognitive methods of analysis through engagement with unique philosophic thought in order to develop a foundational understanding of human thought processes and reasoning with reality. Thank you for choosing NWFSC for your education—and welcome to class!