

Philosophy H101: Introduction to Philosophy

Winter 2007

General information

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Course description

We will get a sense of what philosophy is by doing some. We will consider at least the following three topics: (i) the existence of God, (ii) personal identity, and (iii) free will. Throughout, we will be concerned with presenting and evaluating arguments for, or against, various views.

Required text

Earl Conee and Theodore Sider, *Riddles of Existence: A Guided Tour of Metaphysics* (Oxford: Clarendon, 2005).

Course requirements

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| First assignment | 16.66% |
| Second assignment | 16.66% |
| Third assignment | 33.33% |
| Fourth assignment | 33.33% |

You will have at least a week to complete each assignment. You may rewrite any assignment before the end of the quarter, **provided that you hand it in with a copy of my comments on the previous version.**

Disabilities

Students who might need accommodations are encouraged to contact me and the Office for Disability Services (150 Pomerene Hall, 292-3307).

Academic misconduct

Academic misconduct is a serious offense. You are responsible for knowing what counts as academic misconduct. You might want to consult the Code of Student Conduct or the Committee on Academic Misconduct:

http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp

and

<http://oaa.osu.edu/coam/home.html>.

Outline

A detailed and updated outline will be posted on the course webpage.