

PALOMAR COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE OF RECORD FOR
DEGREE CREDIT COURSE

Transfer course A.A. degree applicable course
(check all that apply)

COURSE NUMBER AND TITLE: Philosophy 100: Philosophical Theories -
Ethical and Political Values

UNIT VALUE: 3

MINIMUM NUMBER OF SEMESTER HOURS: 48

BASIC SKILLS REQUIREMENTS:

Appropriate language skills

ENTRANCE REQUIREMENTS

PREREQUISITE: None

COREQUISITE: None

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION: None

SCOPE OF COURSE:

An introduction to philosophical thinking through the study of ethical and political values using a combination problem and historical approach. Relations between philosophical problems and those of science, society, and ordinary life are stressed. Both classical and modern reading sources are used.

SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:

The student will:

1. Explain basic issues in ethics and evaluate evidence in support of different positions.
2. Evaluate moral decisions using fundamental concepts and theories.
3. Analyze and apply principles presented in writings in the field, classic or modern.
4. Recognize assumptions and implications of ethical and political philosophies.
5. Provide insightful reasoning in support and critique of such

- views in an articulate way using correct and precise language (written and spoken).
6. Demonstrate tolerance, civility, and rationality in dealing with conflicting views.

CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:

Although specific content, readings, and writing requirements vary, the following is typical:

- I. Ethical Theories
 - A. Act-utilitarianism
 - B. Rule-utilitarianism
 - C. Kantianism
 - D. Instuitionism
- II. Ethical Concepts
 - A. Responsibility
 - B. Freedom and Determinism
 - C. Egoism and Altruism
 - D. Relativism and Absolutism
- III. Political Concepts
 - A. Rights and Obligations
 - B. Organic theory of the state
 - C. Conflict between the autonomy of the individual and the authority of the state

REQUIRED READING:

The following would be among the appropriate texts:

Bellamy, Edward. Looking Backward. New York: New American Library, 1960.

Martin, Mike W. Everyday Morality. Belmont: Wadsworth, 1989.

Plato. Republic. Trans. Richard W. Sterling and William C. Scott. New York: Norton, 1985.

Wolff, Robert Paul. In Defense of Anarchy. New York: Harper, 1970.

Total pages: 890

SUGGESTED READING:

A characteristic example:

White, Nicholas P. A Companion to Plato's Republic. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1979.

REQUIRED WRITING:

One typical set of requirements calls for:

Two to three thesis defense papers, approximately 3-12 pages each; several essays (position and application or critique), approximately 2-4 pages each; and a two hour written final examination.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

Students are expected to spend a minimum of three hours per unit per week in class and on outside assignments, prorated for short term classes.

Studying texts and class notes, research and paper writing. Empirical survey, preparation of oral report, group research and meetings may also be employed.

INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:

Check all that apply:

- lecture
 laboratory
 lecture-laboratory combination
 directed study

This course may be offered as a distance education course and meets Title 5 regulations 55370, 55372, 55374, 55376, 55378, and 55380.

Yes _____ No

If yes, check all that apply. (See guidelines for preparation for definitions.)

- telecourse
 mediated instruction
 computer assisted instruction

GRADING POLICY AND STANDARDS (include methods of determining whether the stated objectives have been met by students):

Thesis defense papers, establish the achievement of course objectives 1-5. Essays establish the achievement of course objectives 1 - 3, and sometimes 4 and 5. Group work, classroom activities, and some of the written work establish the achievement of course objective 6. When numerical evaluation is used, 90% = A, 80% = B, 70% = C, 60% = D. Criteria include articulation of philosophical concepts, strength of reasoning in argumentation and precision of expression.

IS COURSE REPEATABLE FOR REASON(S) OTHER THAN DEFICIENT GRADE?

Yes _____ No Number of times course may be taken for credit: _____

If yes, identify specific provision of Title 5 Division 2 section(s) 55761-55763 and 58161 which qualifies course as repeatable:

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