

**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 136  
Renaissance and Modern Western Philosophy

**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:**

Major Western philosophical views from the Renaissance to the present. Original philosophical works of the periods will be studied and evaluated through critical thinking and writing.

**SPECIFIC COURSE OBJECTIVES:**

The successful student will:

1. explain and evaluate historically important ideas in this historical period.
2. critically analyze philosophical positions of this period.
3. demonstrate increased clarity, precision, and analytical acuity in her or his written and oral articulation.

**CONTENT IN TERMS OF SPECIFIC BODY OF KNOWLEDGE:**

- I. Rationalism
- II. Empiricism
- III. Kant
- IV. Communism or German Idealism/Romanticism

## **REQUIRED READING:**

Typical instructor selections:

Camus, Albert. The Plague. New York: Random House, 1991.

Descartes, Rene. Meditations. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1993.

Kant, Immanuel. Perpetual Peace and Other Essays on Politics, History and Moral Practice. Ed. and Trans. Ted Humphrey. Indianapolis: Hackett.

Rousseau, Jean Jacques. Discourse on the Origin of Inequality. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1992.

Marx, Karl and Friedrich Engels. The Communist Manifesto. New York: Bantam, 1992.

Essays by Nietzsche, Sartre, and Camus.

## **SUGGESTED READING:**

A typical instructor selection:

Kaufmann, Walter. Existentialism from Dostoevsky to Sartre. Magnolia, MA: Peter Smith, 1994.

## **REQUIRED WRITING**

Required writing will generally be two to six thesis defense papers, with total number of pages from 12 to 50 or more.

## **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.**

Reading textbook assignments  
Completing writing assignments  
Studying lecture notes

Typical outside assignments may also include:  
Defense of a major philosopher for class presentation  
Concert attendance and/or museum visit  
Art museum visit and written report

## **INSTRUCTIONAL METHODOLOGY:**

**Check all that apply:**

lecture  
 laboratory  
 lecture-laboratory combination  
 directed study

**DISTANCE LEARNING:**

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

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No X

**If yes, check all that apply.**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Television Course (Video one-way, e.g. ITV, video cassette, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Online Course (Text one-way, e.g. newspaper, correspondence, electronic file, etc.)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Two-Way Video Conferencing (Two-way interactive video and audio)
- \_\_\_\_\_ One-Way Video Conferencing (One-way interactive video and two-way interactive audio)
- \_\_\_\_\_ Computer Assisted Instruction (A specialized form of mediated instruction relying primarily on student access to information and prepared lessons or teaching materials through a computer terminal, but not under immediate supervision of a qualified instructor.)

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

Grading based on written work: accuracy, strength of argumentation, coherence and unity, spelling, and grammar, and creativity. Typically, at least 50% of the grade will be based on thesis defense papers.

A sample grading plan: thesis defense paper, 80%; class presentation, 10%; concert attendance and/or museum report, 10%.

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

Yes \_\_\_ No X Number of times course may be taken for credit: 1

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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**SIGNATURES:**

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| <b>SIGNATURES ON FILE</b> |
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