PHI 2010: Introduction to Philosophy University of North Florida

Course description

From the course catalog: "An introduction to the rudiments of philosophical thinking, which is designed to clarify the differences between philosophy and other human activities such as science and religion. The course will introduce students to a range of philosophical problems and methods."

This course will be taught as an introduction to major issues in philosophy, considering mostly issues in theoretical philosophy but also various approaches to ethics within practical philosophy. As such, we will engage with philosophical works from the ancient world, contemporary works in both the continental and analytic traditions of Western philosophy, a bit of Eastern philosophy, and also some feminist philosophy in order to gain exposure to the varieties of philosophical thinking and writing. The issues we will discuss in this course are broken down into five major categories: God and religion, knowledge and truth, minds and bodies, the self and personal identity, and ethics.