

PHIL 2013: Introduction to Philosophy
Arkansas State University Mid-South

Course description

From the course catalog: "This course serves as a general introduction to the concepts, terms, and principles of philosophy. The course will emphasize the concepts that humans have wondered about since ancient times and how they have sought to explain them. The philosophical method will be introduced."

Upon successful completion of this course of study, the student will be able to (a) demonstrate critical inquiry skills that go beyond the descriptive level to a deeper examination of assumptions, to a clear and logical statement of arguments, and to grounds for rational dialogue, (b) inquire more analytically and persistently into issues relevant to her or his personal life and problems of the world, (c) demonstrate a familiarity with crucial philosophical concepts and a willingness to openly discuss them, (d) examine his or her own values, together with those of society, through reflection, criticism, and argument, and (e) evidence a greater appreciation of various points of view as reflected in a recognition of the complexity of philosophical issues, suspension of judgment during inquiry, and patient persistence in pursuit of answers.