

PHIL 1101: Fundamental Issues in Philosophy
University of Memphis

Course description

From the course catalog: "Fundamental Issues in Philosophy" is an "introduction to critical exploration of such issues as knowledge, reality, consciousness and the good life; readings from Plato, Descartes, Kant, Nietzsche, or more recent sources."

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 some philosophical works from the ancient world in addition to more contemporary works in both the continental and analytic traditions of philosophy in order to gain exposure to philosophical thinking and writing. The issues we will discuss in this course are broken down into five major categories: God and evil; knowledge and reality; minds, bodies, and persons; ethics and society; and existential issues (i.e., life and death).