

PHI 2010: Introduction to Philosophy
Florida State University

Course Description

From the FSU bulletin: "This course introduces some of the central problems in philosophy. Students also learn how to construct and criticize arguments and develop their own philosophical positions."

We will begin the course learning about argumentation, including basic terminology, how to identify arguments, how to assess arguments, and how to construct arguments.

With that groundwork in place, we will have the skills to engage philosophical arguments about particular topics of interest. Aside from the work in (informal) logic we will have already done, this class will introduce three more areas of philosophy: metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics.

More specifically, our topics in metaphysics will be life and death. Our topics in epistemology will be trust and gaslighting. Our topics in ethics will be racism, sexual consent, and coming out.