Course Prefix and Number: PHI 100  Credits: 3

Course Title: Introduction to Philosophy I

Course Description: Presents an introduction to philosophical problems and perspectives with emphasis on the systematic questioning of basic assumptions about meaning, knowledge, reality, and values. Lecture 3 hours per week. Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11. Lecture 3 hours per week.

General Course Purpose: To fulfill a humanities/fine arts elective, or provide information to anyone interested in learning about philosophy.

Course Prerequisites and Co-requisites:
Prerequisite: Placement in ENG 111 or placement in co-requisites ENG 111 and EDE 11

Student Learning Outcomes:
Upon completing the course, the student will be able to
a. Identify the influences of Greek thought in the development of Western thinking;
b. Identify features of Rationalist and Empiricist thinking in Western thought;
c. Apply methods of analysis to determine the distinction between belief and knowledge;
d. Identify characteristics of existential philosophy that are important in today’s thinking; and
   e. Distinguish the features of Buddhist thinking from the traditional Western mindset.

Major Topics to Be Included:
a. Ancient Greek Idealism: Socrates, Plato, Pre-Socratics, and Aristotle
b. Nature of metaphysics and traditional metaphysical problem
c. Limits and nature of language
d. Empiricism, rationalism, and pragmatism
e. Introduction to existential thought
f. Ordinary language school of thought
g. Cartesian dualism—mind/body problem
h. Contrasts with Buddhism

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