COURSE DESCRIPTION

Introduction to Philosophy is a study of major issues in philosophy and/or the work of major philosophical figures in philosophy. Topics in philosophy may include theories of reality, theories of knowledge, theories of value, and their practical applications. Prerequisite: Students must have satisfied the TSI readiness requirement in reading.

REQUIRED PARTICIPATION IN CLASS

Students who do not attend class before census date will be reported as never attended and dropped from the course.

TEXTS, REFERENCES, AND SUPPLIES

Required Textbook(s)

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES

Upon successful completion of this course, students will
1. Read, analyze, and critique philosophical texts.
2. Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts, major arguments, problems, and terminology in philosophy.
3. Present logically persuasive arguments both orally and written.
4. Demonstrate critical thinking skills in evaluation and application of philosophical concepts to various aspects of life.
5. Evaluate the personal and social responsibilities of living in a diverse world.

CORE OBJECTIVES

This course fulfills the three hour requirement in the Language, Philosophy, and Culture component area in the Midland College Core Curriculum. The Core Curriculum is a set of courses that provide students with a foundation of knowledge, skills, and educational experiences that are essential for all learning.
The URL for the Core Curriculum is http://catalog.midland.edu/preview_program.php?catoid=6&poid=738

Philosophy courses promote critical thinking through examination of the human condition and questions about reality, perception and knowledge, meaning, and values. As part of the core, this course addresses the following four objectives:

**Critical Thinking:** The course involves creative thinking, innovation, inquiry, evaluation, and synthesis of information. Mastery of these skills is accomplished through the following: class discussions; written assignments including analytical papers, research papers; and exams about philosophical works and their historical context.

**Communication:** The course includes effective written, oral, and visual communication. Students are required to participate in class discussions; informal class presentations; creation of visual presentations; writing analytical papers, and research papers.

**Social Responsibility:** This course teaches intercultural competency and helps the students develop the ability to engage effectively in regional, national, and global communities. Students will accomplish these objectives by studying significant philosophers and their work; by writing about major issues and problems of philosophy, significant historical developments in philosophy, and the philosophical movements of different periods or regions; and by analyzing and synthesizing philosophical writings through class discussion, presentations, written assignments, and exams.

**Personal Responsibility:** Students will demonstrate the ability to connect choices, actions, and consequences to ethical decision-making. They will accomplish this by submitting original work and using appropriate documentation and attribution when using another’s words or ideas.

**STUDENT CONTRIBUTIONS AND CLASS POLICIES**
Policy may vary on such policies as attendance, submission of papers and deadlines, format or papers, use of Canvas, participation, email correspondence, portfolios, and course schedule.

**EVALUATION OF STUDENTS/GRADING**

Grading Scale
A = 100% to 90%
B = 89% to 80%
C = 79% to 70%
D = 69% to 60%
F = 59% and Below
DROP / WITHDRAWAL

The student is responsible for initiating a drop or withdrawal, not the instructor.

Withdrawal from course: The instructor is not able to withdraw a student from the course after the census date. A student wishing to withdraw must fill out the withdrawal form online: https://www.midland.edu/forms/admissions/withdrawal/.

ACADEMIC RESEARCH

For Research information, tutorials, library information, web links and more, access the Distance Learning Webpage for the Midland College Fasken Learning Resource Center: http://www.midland.edu/lrc/index.php.

Academic Database Access

EBSCO: http://search.ebscohost.com/
User name: mc72cc
Password: mc#chaps1mc

For the Gale Database use this username/password combination:
User name: txshracd2528
Password chaps

INSTITUTIONAL ACCESSIBILITY STATEMENT

ADA Statement-- The Americans With Disabilities Act (ADA) and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act require that no otherwise qualified person with a disability be denied access to, or the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination by any program or activity provided by an institution or entity receiving federal financial assistance. It is this Section 504 mandate that has promoted the development of disability support service programs in colleges and universities across the country. Subpart E of Section 504 deals specifically with this mandate for institutions of higher education. While it does not require that special educational programming be developed for students with disabilities, it does require that an institution (public or private) be prepared to make appropriate academic adjustments and reasonable accommodations in order to allow the full participation of students with disabilities in the same programs and activities available to nondisabled students.

Midland College provides services for students with disabilities through Student Services. In order to receive accommodations, students must place documentation on file with the Counselor/Disability Specialist. Students with
disabilities should notify Midland College prior to the beginning of each semester. Student Services will provide each student with a letter outlining any reasonable accommodations. The student must present the letter to the instructor at the beginning of the semester.

Midland College Accessibility Page
http://www.midland.edu/students/student_services/career/disabilities.php
Phone, Midland College Special Needs Counselor: 432-685-5598

ACADEMIC SUPPORT SERVICES
Midland College Student Support Services:
http://catalog.midland.edu/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=987
Phone, Midland College Testing Center: 432-685-4735

Phone, LanguageHub, Midland College On-Campus Writing Center: 432-685-4811, 182 TC
Writer'sEdge, https://midland.instructure.com/courses/1180610

STUDENT RIGHTS AND RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUE PROCESS
Midland College Student Rights and Responsibilities
http://catalog.midland.edu/content.php?catoid=7&navoid=990&hl=%22plagiarism%22&returnto=search

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