COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

Country
Taiwan

Host Institution
National Taiwan University

Program(s)
National Taiwan University

UCEAP Course Level
Lower Division

UCEAP Subject Area(s)
Philosophy

UCEAP Course Number
12

UCEAP Course Suffix

UCEAP Official Title
INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

UCEAP Transcript Title
PHILOSOPHY

UCEAP Quarter Units
3.00

UCEAP Semester Units
2.00

Course Description

This course examines works by various philosophers who present dramatically different conclusions concerning the following questions. Is knowledge merely justified true belief? Could it be that we are living in the Matrix? Are we really justified in believing in the way the world is? Do I have a soul that can be separated from my body? Is my mind just my brain? Is my mind merely something like a computer program? Can there be perfect zombies, which are not distinguishable from normal human beings by their appearance and behavior but somehow have no minds? Does a perfect robot (which is indistinguishable from normal human beings by its appearance and behavior) have a mind? Are we free to make choices? Does the total past and present determine the future? If so, are we free to make choices or to bring about different futures? If not, what's the point of scientific prediction about the matters like whether it will rain tomorrow? Is it possible to travel back into the past and kill your grandfather before he gave birth to your father? Is it morally wrong to tell a lie to make other people happy when there is no negative consequence in any way?

Language(s) of Instruction
English

Host Institution Course Number
Phl1510

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INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

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