

# COURSE DETAIL

## INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

**Country**

Netherlands

**Host Institution**

Maastricht University - University College Maastricht

**Program(s)**

University College Maastricht

**UCEAP Course Level**

Lower Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Philosophy

**UCEAP Course Number**

83

**UCEAP Course Suffix****UCEAP Official Title**

INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

INTRO TO PHILOSOPHY

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

One of the greatest and most influential ancient philosophers, Aristotle once remarked, “Wonder is the beginning of philosophy”. What he was referring to is our habit of asking fundamental questions about our everyday life, such as, “Suppose I am certain that I am right about something, what is that certainty based upon?”; “Suppose I am engaged in a discussion with someone regarding a controversial matter, what can objectively guarantee the stringency of my argument?” Thinking about and discussing such questions forces us to reconsider the things we have always taken for granted and ultimately, lead us to more fundamental questions about the proper nature of truth and knowledge as such. Assignments during the course include the following: the nature of philosophical inquiry, problems of knowledge and truth (including the understanding and evaluation of arguments), and ethics.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

HUM1007

### Host Institution Course Title

INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

### Host Institution Campus

Maastricht University

### Host Institution Faculty

University College Maastricht

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Humanities

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