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

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