

# COURSE DETAIL

## INTRODUCTION TO METAPHYSICS

**Country**

Canada

**Host Institution**

University of British Columbia

**Program(s)**

University of British Columbia

**UCEAP Course Level**

Upper Division

**UCEAP Subject Area(s)**

Philosophy

**UCEAP Course Number**

111

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

INTRODUCTION TO METAPHYSICS

**UCEAP Transcript Title**

INTRO METAPHYSICS

**UCEAP Quarter Units**

6.00

**UCEAP Semester Units**

4.00

## Course Description

This course is an introduction to metaphysics, the study of the most general and fundamental features of reality. This course discusses some of the central, traditional topics in contemporary analytic metaphysics such as existence, time, necessity, personal identity, the nature of physical reality, the mind/body problem, free will, and causation and action theory. Analytic philosophy in general, and metaphysics in particular, are rather technical and abstract disciplines, both in their substance and methodology. This course strives to uncover the fundamental insights and concerns behind the technicalities of the field, while appreciating the subtlety and sophistication of the philosophical arguments under examination. Course lectures use the readings as a guideline, and expand beyond them. The course examines topics moving from the more basic and general concerns to the more specific ones.

### Language(s) of Instruction

English

### Host Institution Course Number

PHIL 340

### Host Institution Course Title

INTRODUCTION TO METAPHYSICS

### Host Institution Campus

ARTS

### Host Institution Faculty

### Host Institution Degree

### Host Institution Department

Philosophy

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