COURSE DETAIL

INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY
Country Ireland
Host Institution Trinity College Dublin
Program(s) Trinity College Dublin
UCEAP Course Level Lower Division
UCEAP Subject Area(s) Philosophy
UCEAP Course Number 32
UCEAP Course Suffix
UCEAP Official Title INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY
UCEAP Transcript Title INTRO PHILOSOPHY
UCEAP Quarter Units 5.00
UCEAP Semester Units 3.30

Course Description

The course offers an overview of Western philosophy and analyses the questions treated in its main branches. This course studies the Greeks as the founders of the Western philosophical tradition, key texts, and ideas relating to Presocratic philosophers, Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, emphasizing on metaphysical questions about the nature of reality and of the soul. The course covers the medieval era through the philosophy of Thomas Aquinas, emphasizing on his use of an Aristotelian approach to metaphysical notions of substance and soul, as well as his arguments for the existence of God. The study of modern philosophy focuses on Descartes, Hume, Kant, and Wittgenstein. In this part of the course, students explore the views of these thinkers on questions like: What is knowledge, and is it possible? How is the mind related to the body? What is meant by virtue ethics? What is the relation between language and the world?

Language(s) of Instruction
English

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REU12712

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