

Course Title	LAH 103 Introduction to Philosophy	Instructor(s)	Mirja Annalena Holst
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Class Style	Lecture	Office Hours	
Track	Global Liberal Arts	Mode of Instruction	Co-Teaching
Credits	2	Allocated Year	1
Active Learning	Category 3 (2, 3, 4) Category 4 (1, 2, 3, 4, 7, 8, 9, 10)	Compulsory or Elective	Elective
Course Overview	Philosophy is an ancient subject and an important one. The great philosophers have shaped the way we think about ourselves and the world around us. Philosophers ask fundamental questions, and while in everyday life, we take their 'obvious' answers for granted, in philosophy, we stop to think about them and to carefully analyse answers. This course provides an introduction to philosophy and to the kinds of questions it asks and answers. Students will examine and reflect upon some of the most central questions in metaphysics, philosophy of mind, epistemology, and ethics, such as: What is space? What is time? What is consciousness? Can computers think? What is knowledge? Can we be certain of anything? What makes an action right or wrong? Can we get morally lucky?		
Course Objectives	The aim of this course is for students (1) to gain basic knowledge of some of the most central ideas and core problems in philosophy, (2) to develop analytic and critical thinking skills through gaining familiarity with philosophical method, and (3) to be able to utilise basic philosophical terms and concepts.		
Prerequisite			
Course Schedule	No	Contents	Homework
	1	Introduction	course overview, syllabus
	2	Metaphysics: What is Space?	argument evaluation
	3	Metaphysics: What is Time?	short reflection
	4	Metaphysics: What is Identity?	discussion
	5	Philosophy of Mind: Are Mind and Body Distinct?	argument evaluation
	6	Philosophy of Mind: What is Consciousness?	short reflection
	7	Philosophy of Mind: Can Computers Think?	discussion
	8	Midterm Exam	study for midterm exam
	9	Epistemology: What is Knowledge?	argument evaluation
	10	Epistemology: Can we Be Certain of Anything?	short reflection
	11	Epistemology: Will the Sun Rise Tomorrow?	discussion
	12	Ethics: What Makes an Action Right or Wrong?	argument evaluation
	13	Ethics: Can We get Morally Lucky?	short reflection
	14	Ethics: How Many People Should there Be?	discussion
		15	Conclusion
		Final Exam	study for final exam
Grading	Participation: 10%, Quizzes: 20%, Midterm Exam: 30%, Final Exam: 40%		
Textbooks	All course materials, including texts, lecture slides, handouts, exercises, and sample solutions, will be available on the course webpage.		
References	Stich, S., & Donaldson, T. (2018). <i>Philosophy: asking questions, seeking answers</i> . Oxford University Press.		
NOTES	This syllabus is subject to change. Any possible changes will be notified to students.		