

Religious Studies

Course # HUSS 1051

Credits 4

Pre-requisites and Co-requisites: None

Course Description

This course is an introduction to philosophy. It aims to provide students with the basic knowledge of philosophical theories, categories, and topics. We explore major philosophical discussions in the contemporary world ranging from epistemology to aesthetics. The course does not presume to dictate any philosophical doctrine, its purpose is to help students develop skills of reasoning, responsible decision making, and to reflect on things non-pragmatic.

Course Learning Outcomes

Upon completion of the course, students are expected to be able to:

- Use philosophical categories accurately in discussing philosophical topics;
- Untangle (latent) premises upon which (their own or others') philosophical statements are made;
- Identify inconsistencies and potential errors that require attention and investigation;
- Take a systematic approach, to ensure that issues are viewed in a "bigger picture" and essentials are not overlooked;
- Defend a stance in a debate reasonably (using relevant facts, knowledge of theories, coherent arguments);
- Discuss philosophical issues responsibly (amicably and cooperatively).

Course Assessments and Grading

Item	Weight
Attendance	5 %
Participation in in-class activities	10%
Student presentations (individual)	15%
Student presentations (group debates)	20%

Midterm test	15%
In class reaction paper	20%
Final paper	15%