JEFFERSON COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS

PHL102H
HONORS INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY
3 Credit Hours

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PHL102H Honors Introduction to Philosophy

I. CATALOGUE DESCRIPTION
   A. Prerequisite: None
   B. 3 semester hours credit
   C. Honors Introduction to Philosophy is a historical survey of major Western thinkers beginning with the Ancient Greeks. The course looks at timeless questions concerning truth, beauty, reality, justice, logic, ethics, and the existence of God. This course will partially fulfill the humanities requirement for the Associate of Arts degree and the Associate of Arts in Teaching degree. (S)

II. EXPECTED LEARNING OUTCOMES/ ASSESSMENT MEASURES

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<th>Students will describe the factors that gave birth to the rise of Philosophy in the Western tradition.</th>
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III. OUTLINE OF TOPICS
   A. The Ancient Period
      1. Classical Greek history
      2. The Pre-Socratics
      3. Socrates, Plato and Aristotle
   B. The Medieval Period
      1. The Medieval context
      2. St. Anselm
      3. St. Thomas Aquinas
C. The Modern Period
   1. René Descartes
   2. The Rationalists and the Empiricists

D. The Contemporary Period
   1. Pragmatism
   2. Existentialism
   3. Ludwig Wittgenstein

IV. METHOD(S) OF INSTRUCTION
A. Lectures
B. Class Discussions
C. Video presentations
D. Reading of required texts
E. Short paper writing

V. REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS

VI. REQUIRED MATERIALS
Textbooks
Computer with Internet access
VII. SUPPLEMENTAL REFERENCES

A. Library collection
B. Writing Center
C. Internet Access

VIII. METHOD OF EVALUATION

A. Essay examinations
B. Classroom presentations
C. Position papers
D. Classroom participation

IX. ADA STATEMENT

Any student requiring special accommodations should inform the instructor and the Coordinator of Disability Support Services (Library; phone 636-797-3000, ext. 169).

X. ACADEMIC HONESTY STATEMENT

All students are responsible for complying with campus policies as stated in the Student Handbook (see College website, www.jeffco.edu/jeffco/index.php?option=com_weblinks&catid=26&Itemid=84)