

# MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE

## COURSE OUTLINE

DEPT. PHIL

COURSE NUMBER: 1101

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 3

Lecture: 3 Lab: 0 OJT: 0

### Course Title:

Introduction to Philosophy

### Catalog Description:

Introduction to Philosophy introduces students to five areas of philosophical inquiry and the questions basic to each: ethics (What is the nature of the good?), epistemology (What is the nature of knowledge and truth?), metaphysics (What is the nature of reality?), the philosophy of religion (What are the proofs for God's existence?), and social/political philosophy (What is the nature of a good state?). Using primary texts and class discussion, students will explore the answers philosophers such as Plato, Mill, Kant, Hume, Locke, and Nietzsche have offered.

### Prerequisites or Necessary Entry Skills/Knowledge:

STSK 0095 or placement by multiple measures.

**FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S)** (*Leave blank if not applicable*)

☐ Goal 6: The Humanities and Fine Arts: By meeting the following competencies:

### Topics to be Covered

Why Philosophy

Reality and Being

Human Nature

Philosophy and God

Knowledge Sources

Truth Test

Aesthetics

Political Philosophy

Social Philosophy

### Student Learning Outcomes

Discuss the fundamentals of the question's philosophers have been asking for over two thousand years in the areas of what is truth, what is beauty, what is the right way to live, is there a God, and can we know anything for certain.

Understand that various cultures have different thoughts concerning these questions.

**Is this course part of a transfer pathway: Yes ☐ No ☒**

**\*If yes, please list the competencies below**

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