PHI 2600 Ethics and Critical Thinking

Spring 2024 (202420)

**PHI 2600 Ethics and Critical Thinking**: Prerequisite: Minimum grade of C in ENC 1101 or ENC 1101H or IDH 1110 Study of major theoretical principles on which claims to good life and moral action have been based, such as hedonism, utilitarianism and rationalism. Each theory illustrated by representative selections from works of great philosophers from classical period to 20th century. Gordon Rule course which requires demonstration of college level writing skills through multiple assignments. Minimum grade of C required if used to satisfy Gordon Rule requirement.

CRN: 21451

Credit: 3

Prerequisite(s) and Co-requisite(s): ENC 1101 or ENC 1101H or IDH 1110

Meeting places and times: 1-372 T-R 10:00-11:15

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COURSE OUTCOMES

* Identify key assumptions and implications of major moral theories and concepts.
* Define moral concepts.
* Identify key assumptions and key arguments in the public debate surrounding contemporary moral issues.
* Evaluate moral arguments in the public debate for coherence, consistency, and plausibility, using understanding of moral theories.
* Reflect on the connection between moral perspectives and personal and civic responsibilities.

EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS:

Text: none

ASSESSMENT METHODS AND EVALUATION:

Calculation of final grade: The final course grade will be determined by the following factors:

 Theory Summaries: 20%

 Periodic quizzes: 15%

 Midterm: 25%

Paper: 30% (Gordon Rule course-not completing the paper results in a failing grade for the course)

 Class Participation: 5%

 Attendance: 5%

Grades will be kept in Canvas and will reflect the grade earned based on work completed. Accordingly, there will be no extra credit or additional work to change a grade at the end of the course. Points earned will not be rounded either way!

Type of final: The final exam will be the final paper. Failure to submit this paper will result in a failing grade for the course. It is due on April 18 (submit in Canvas).

Grade Scale:

A: 100-90; B: 89-80; C: 79-70; D: 69-60; F: 59-0

NO-SHOW PROCEDURE

Any student who does not attend class **prior to the start** of the no-show reporting period for each part of term will be withdrawn by the instructor as a no-show.  This will count as an attempt in the class, and students will be liable for tuition.  If your plans have changed and you will not be attending this class, please withdraw yourself through your Atlas account during the drop period for this part of term.

CLASSROOM POLICIES ATTENDANCE: Grades will be kept in Canvas and will reflect the grade earned based on work completed. Accordingly, there will be no extra credit or additional work to change a grade at the end of the course. Points earned will not be rounded either way!

 Please check with the instructor if you are considering withdrawing from the course; the circumstances may not be a dire as you think. Remember that there are implications for withdrawals in your academic career.

WITHDRAWAL: Per Valencia Policy 4-07 (Academic Progress, Course Attendance and Grades, and Withdrawals), a student who withdraws from class before the established deadline for a particular term will receive a grade of “W. A student is not permitted to withdraw after the withdrawal deadline. As a withdrawal is an administrative practice, I will not withdraw a student from the course; I will only assign the grade earned based on the work submitted. **See Important Dates below for the Withdrawal Deadline** Any student who withdraws or is withdrawn from a class during a third or subsequent attempt in the same course will be assigned a grade of “F”. For a complete policy and procedure overview on Valencia Policy 6Hx28:4-07, please go to:  [http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/policy/](http://valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/%20)  .

IMPORTANT DATES: **Full Term:** Classes begin January 8. Drop/Refund Deadline 11:59 p.m. January 16. No Show reporting period January 18-27. **Withdrawal deadline for W grade is 11:59 p.m. March 15.** Classes end April 28. Final Exams held April 22-28.

Credit Classes Do Not Meet: January 15 MLK Day (College Closed), February 9 Learning Day (no classes), March 18-24 Spring Break (College Closed). See College calendar for important dates and final exam schedule at  [http://valenciacollege.edu/calendar](http://www.valenciacollege.edu/calendar) .

MAKE-UP POLICY: Quizzes are always announced and if you are absent on the day of a quiz, you may take it the next class. If you are absent that day as well, you receive a zero.

Late work will be accepted within one week after the original due date with a 10-point penalty. Work submitted more than one week late will receive an additional 10-point penalty for each week overdue. All work must be submitted by April 22nd to be considered for a grade.

ACADEMIC HONESTY: Each student is required to follow Valencia policy regarding academic honesty. All work submitted by students is expected to be the result of the student’s individual thoughts, research, and self-expression unless the assignment specifically states “group project.” Any act of academic dishonesty will be handled in accordance with Valencia policy as set forth in the Student Handbook and Catalog. For this course, a paper that exhibits plagiarism will receive a zero (no resubmissions for credit); a second case will result in a grade of F for the course.

COLLEGE POLICIES: A full description of all College policies can be found in the College Catalog at <http://valenciacollege.edu/catalog/> ; Policy Manual at <http://www.valenciacollege.edu/generalcounsel/> ; and the Student Handbook at <http://valenciacollege.edu/studentdev/CampusInformationServices.cfm> .

STUDENT ASSISTANCE PROGRAM: Valencia College is interested in making sure all our students have a rewarding and successful college experience.  To that purpose, Valencia students can get immediate help with issues dealing with stress, anxiety, depression, adjustment difficulties, substance abuse, time management as well as relationship problems dealing with school, home or work.  BayCare Behavioral Health Student Assistance Program (SAP) services are free to all Valencia students and available 24 hours a day by calling (800) 878-5470. Free face-to-face counseling is also available.

OFFICE OF STUDENTS WITH DISABILITIES INFORMATION: Students with disabilities who qualify for academic accommodations must provide a Notification to Instructor (NTI) form from the Office for Students with Disabilities (OSD) and discuss specific needs with the professor, preferably during the first two weeks of class. The Office for Students with Disabilities determines accommodations based on appropriate documentation of disabilities.

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SPECIAL RULES: The use of electronic devices (cell phones, lap tops, MP3 players. etc.) are permitted only with the approval of the instructor. Using them during class for non-academic purposes will be considered disruptive behavior.

**Assignments submitted in Canvas must be in .docx, .doc, or .pdf format. Papers with a .pages extension cannot easily be opened in Canvas and will not be accepted. Microsoft Office is available for use for all current Valencia Students.** <https://valenciacollege.edu/employees/office-of-information-technology/network-and-info-security-services/office-365.php>

DISCLAIMER: Changes may be made at the discretion of the instructor.

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES:

See the syllabus as posted on Canvas for schedule and due dates.