

Hagerstown Community College

Official Course Syllabus Document

COURSE: PHL 101 – Introduction to Philosophy - 3 Credits

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COURSE DESCRIPTION: This course is an introduction to the methods, problems, and major ontologies contained within the discipline of philosophy. Philosophies of science, history, art, and religion are also considered. Total of 45 hours of lecture.

TEXTBOOK: *Archetypes of Wisdom: An Intro to Philosophy*, Douglas J. Soccio, 8th edition

STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

1. The student will become aware of the many and varied issues of philosophy and will gain understanding of classic essays in the history of philosophy.
2. Critical reading and thinking skills will be developed enabling the student to refine his/her own philosophy of life with the aim of becoming a more thoughtful and productive citizen.
3. Also, critical thinking and argumentative methods will be learned that will enhance the student's dialogical and decision-making abilities.

GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:

1. Evaluate important artistic, cultural, philosophical, historical, and religious movements from a global perspective.
2. Understand the impact of diverse groups of people in and on the arts and humanities.

Total Hours of Coursework:

To earn one academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 37.5 clock hours (45 fifty-minute “academic” hours) of coursework per semester. Those hours of coursework may be completed through a combination of hours within the classroom and hours outside the classroom. Certain courses may require more than the 37.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. For an average three credit course the total comes to 112.5 hours of expended time. For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework. Here is the breakdown of time and effort that a student can reasonably expect to spend successfully completing their course work:

In-class (Lectures, Instruction, Discussion)	37.5 hours
Assigned Readings and Study	50.0 hours
Essay Papers (Film Viewings, Research, Writing, Revision)	25.0 hours
Total Hours (minimum number required for average student performance)	112.5 hours