

**Hagerstown Community College**  
**Official Course Syllabus Document**  
(replace this parenthetical with semester and year)

**COURSE:**

PHL 101 – Introduction to Philosophy (3 credits)  
(replace this parenthetical with section number & Days/Times class meets)

**INSTRUCTOR:**

(replace this parenthetical with name, office hours, and all contact information)

**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.

Prerequisite: ENG 101

**TEXTBOOK:**

Soccio, Douglas J. *Archetypes of Wisdom An Introduction to Philosophy*. 9<sup>th</sup> ed. Boston: Wadworth, 2016. Print. ISBN: 978-1-285-87431-9

**COURSE STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

The student will:

- Discuss many and varied issues of philosophy.
- Discuss classic essays in the history of philosophy.
- Demonstrate critical reading and thinking skills enabling the student to refine his/her own philosophy of life with the aim of becoming a more thoughtful and productive citizen.
- Employ critical thinking and argumentative methods that will enhance the student's dialogical and decision-making abilities.

**GENERAL EDUCATION OUTCOMES:**

This course may fulfill an Arts/Humanities General Education requirement. These are the outcomes for that requirement:

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

**MINIMUM CLOCK HOURS REQUIRED FOR THIS COURSE**

To earn one hour of academic credit at HCC, students are required to complete a minimum of 12.5 clock hours (15 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 12.5 minimum hours of coursework per credit. A three credit hour course requires 37.5 clock hours.

For most classes, students should expect to do at least 2 hours of coursework outside of class for each hour of in-class coursework.

	DIRECT Faculty Instruction In-class <b>37.5 h required</b>	Student Work Out of Classroom <b>75 h required</b>
In-class instruction, lectures, and discussion	37.5 hours	
Assigned readings and study		50 hours
Essay papers, film viewings, research, writing, revision	Included in lecture time	25 hours
<b>Total Hours</b>	<b>37.5 h</b>	<b>75 h</b>

### **ASSESSMENT PROCEDURES:**

(replace this parenthetical with explanation of quizzes, exams, projects, etc.; the grading scale and how a student can calculate a grade need to be included here as well)

### **COURSE POLICIES:**

(please delete this parenthetical: Course policies should contain statements about the following topics, as well as any individual policies of an instructor. Please consider a plagiarism statement; the student handbook defines plagiarism this way: Plagiarism is the use of ideas or work of another without sufficient acknowledgment that the material is not one's own. Examples of plagiarism include submitting material created by another as one's own work or including passages of another author without giving due credit, and submitting purchased material, in any form of communication, as one's own work.)

- Attendance Policy – the college attendance policy can be found in the College catalog.
- The instructor reserves the right to modify course content.
- HCC abides by an honor code that can be found in the student handbook and college catalog: "I promise to uphold the Hagerstown Community College Honor System and to understand all written provisions pertaining to its application. As a member of the college community, I hold the qualities of honesty and integrity in highest regard and will not violate them nor tolerate those who do."

### **Inclement Weather Policy:**

(replace parenthetical with directions as to what students should do if the weather is bad and class must be cancelled. Please consider having students also refer to the student handbook.)

### **Services for Students with Disabilities:**

Students may receive reasonable accommodations if they have a diagnosed disability and present appropriate documentation. Students seeking accommodations are required to contact the Disability Support Services (DSS) office as early as possible. Students may contact a DSS staff member for an appointment at [dss@hagerstowncc.edu](mailto:dss@hagerstowncc.edu) or at 240-500-2530.