Reasoning About Philosophical Issues

Philosophy 111 syllabus

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**Catalog description:**

Recommended preparation: Eligibility for ENG 100

Transfer acceptability: CSU; UC

Introduces philosophical ideas and methods concerning knowledge, reality and values. Expected topics will include the sources and limits of knowledge, and the nature of reality. Other topics that may be examined from a philosophical perspective include the nature of the self, truth, ethics, religion, science, language, beauty and art, political theory, or mind.

**Discussion:**

Please check with your counselor to determine whether this is the right class to fulfill your requirements.

**Text Book/required items:**

1. The Great Conversation
2. Other readings assigned throughout the course

**Course Assignment summary:**

1. There will be a mid-term and a final exam covering both reading and lecture material. Any material covered in reading and in lecture may be covered on the exam. I do NOT offer make-up exams. If you need to take an exam early, please give me at least 2 weeks prior notice.

2. 1 position paper chosen from several topics presented throughout the semester

3. Weekly journal assignments

4. All papers and out-of-class work must be e-mailed to your instructor **prior to** the beginning of class on the day it is due, which will be checked by electronic time stamp. You will e-mail your work to [Phil1@heidiphelps.com](mailto:Phil2@heidiphelps.com) and **include your work as a Word document, Google doc, or as the text of the e-mail.**

5. Late assignments will receive a 10% point reduction and will be accepted for up to 3 weeks after the assignment due date, with the exception of the last 3 weeks of class, at which time late work will be accepted until the day of the final exam. I do not accept assignments that are more than 3 weeks late, so make sure you keep up with your work.

**Grading:**

Grades will be assigned as follows:

Exams: 40% (20% each)

Position paper : 20%

Journal assignments: 40%

**My contact information:**

Phil1@heidiphelps.com. You will find all assignments at [www.heidiphelps.com](http://www.heidiphelps.com). **This is where you will go to find all assignments throughout the semester, so please visit the site weekly.**