

**COLLIN COLLEGE**  
**COURSE SYLLABUS**

Course Information
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**Course Number:** PHIL 1301

**Course Title:** Introduction to Philosophy

**Course Description:** A study of major issues in philosophy and/or the work of major philosophical figures in philosophy. Topics in philosophy may include theories of reality, theories of knowledge, theories of value, and their practical applications. Additionally, texts studied will be from ancient, medieval, and modern sources.

**Course Credit Hours:** 3

**Lecture Hours:** 3

**Prerequisite:** Meet TSI college-readiness standard for Reading and Writing; or equivalent

**Class:** Monday & Wednesday - 5:30pm – 6:45pm (Room U107)  
**Instructor:** Andy Essary  
**Telephone:** 972-377-1506 (leave message)  
**Office / Hours:** Preston Ridge Campus (U107) Monday & Wednesday 5:00-5:30pm (by appointment)  
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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

- **State Mandated Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
  1. Read, analyze, and critique philosophical texts.
  2. Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts, major arguments, problems, and terminology in philosophy.
  3. Present logically persuasive arguments both orally and in writing. (Critical Thinking; Communication Skills)
  4. Demonstrate critical thinking skills in evaluation and application of philosophical concepts to various aspects of life.
  5. Evaluate the personal and social responsibilities of living in a diverse world. (Social Responsibility)
- **Additional Collin Outcomes:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will:
  1. Recognize and understand principal issues and problems of philosophical significance in various historical philosophical works.
  2. Demonstrate the ability to think critically and analytically about philosophical issues and problems as presented in various primary sources.
  3. Demonstrate an understanding of philosophies from different cultures and perspectives by articulating the arguments and situating them within the appropriate cultural context.
  4. Demonstrate personal responsibility by doing independent work in PHIL 1301 and properly citing all sources. (Personal Responsibility)

**Course Requirements:**

**A. Reading of assignments:**

Students are expected to complete all readings as assigned.

**B. Class participation:**

It is important that all students contribute during class discussions. **Your ideas matter!** The class fails to benefit from your thoughts if you fail to voice them. A diversity of views and your consideration of them will result in increased credibility for your ideas.

**C. Quizzes:**

The quizzes will cover assigned readings. You will not get from this class what you should without reading the assignments. I will provide you a take-home quiz each week to answer as you complete your assigned readings.

**D. Term paper:**

You will be assigned a term paper during the semester giving you the opportunity to express your ideas. The purpose of this assignment is to help you properly identify philosophical issues, and begin to engage in the process of clarifying your questions through writing. **Papers will be typed or computer-printed; 12 or 10 c.p.i.; double-**

**spaced; ½ inch margin all-around; cover page with your name; and NO binder of any kind – single staple in upper left corner suffices.** Paper submissions failing to meet the above criteria will receive zero points.

**E. Final exam:**

The final exam will verify your grasp of theories and ideas you've read and discussed in class.

**F. Cheating:**

Students suspected of cheating and/or plagiarism on any assignment in this class will be reported to the Dean of Students Office. Students found responsible for scholastic dishonesty offenses will receive an authorized disciplinary penalty from the Dean of Students Office. The student may also receive an academic penalty in the course where the scholastic dishonesty occurred. The course instructor will determine the appropriate academic penalty.

**Student Evaluation:**

A. Class participation (100); attendance (100); and tardiness (100)	=	300
B. Periodic quizzes	=	400
C. Term Paper	=	200
D. Final exam	=	100
		<u>1000</u>

A = 900 - 1000      B = 800 - 899      C = 700 - 799  
D = 600 - 699      F = 599 & below

**Attendance Policy:**

Students are expected to attend **ALL** class meetings unless absence is excused by instructor. Please see the current *Collin Registration Guide* for the last day to withdraw. Without exception, each absence will reduce a student's final point tally by **10 points if excused** and **15 points if unexcused**. Absences are excused at the teacher's discretion and notice must be provided prior to class via e-mail or by calling the above telephone number. **10 points will be deducted for each tardiness.**

**Classroom Rules:**

- A. **All** electronic devices must be turned off. Unless I grant permission, none may be used.
- B. The only conversations allowed in class will involve me as a participant.

**Required Texts & Supplies:**

Plato, *The Republic*, ed. G.R.F. Ferrari, trans. Tom Griffith, Cambridge University Press, 2000. ISBN 0-521-48443-X

Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Prince*, ed. Quentin Skinner & Russell Price, trans. Russell Price, Cambridge University Press, 1988. ISBN 0-521-34993-1

Required supplies – 30 Scantrons

**Course Calendar**

<b>Week 1</b>	Monday	Aug. 28	Introduction
	Wednesday	Aug. 30	All there is
<b>Week 2</b>	Monday	Sept. 4	<b>Labor Day – NO CLASS</b>
	Wednesday	Sept. 6	More than All there is
<b>Week 3</b>	Monday	Sept. 11	<i>Republic</i> – Introduction – Pages xi – xlviii
	Wednesday	Sept. 13	<i>Prince</i> – Introduction – Pages ix – xxxv
<b>Week 4</b>	Monday	Sept. 18	<i>Republic</i> – Book 1 – Pages 1 – 36
	Wednesday	Sept. 20	<i>Prince</i> – Dedicatory Letter through Ch.III – Pages 3 – 14
<b>Week 5</b>	Monday	Sept. 25	<i>Republic</i> – Book 2 – Pages 37 – 70
	Wednesday	Sept. 27	<i>Prince</i> – Ch.IV through Ch.VI – Pages 15 – 22

<b>Week 6</b>	Monday Wednesday	Oct. 2 Oct. 4	<i>Republic</i> – Book 3 – Pages 71 – 110 Library Research for Term Paper – <b><u>no quiz due</u></b>
<b>Week 7</b>	Monday Wednesday	Oct. 9 Oct. 11	<i>Prince</i> – Ch.VII – Pages 22 – 29 <i>Republic</i> – Book 4 – Pages 111 – 143
<b>Week 8</b>	Monday Wednesday	Oct. 16 Oct. 18	<i>Prince</i> – Ch.VIII through Ch.IX – Pages 30 – 37 <i>Republic</i> – Book 5 – Pages 144 – 185
*****	<b>Oct. 20</b>	<b><u>LAST DAY TO DROP CLASS</u></b>	*****
<b>Week 9</b>	Monday Wednesday	Oct. 23 Oct. 25	<i>Prince</i> – Ch.X through Ch.XI – Pages 37 – 42 <i>Republic</i> – Book 6 – Pages 186 – 219
<b>Week 10</b>	Monday Wednesday	Oct. 30 Nov. 1	<i>Prince</i> – Ch.XII through Ch.XIII – Pages 42 – 51 <i>Republic</i> – Book 7 – Pages 220 – 251
<b>Week 11</b>	Monday Wednesday	Nov. 6 Nov. 8	The Cave Allegory – <b><u>no quiz due</u></b> <i>Prince</i> – Ch.XIV through Ch.XVII – Pages 51 – 61
<b>Week 12</b>	Monday Wednesday	Nov. 13 Nov. 15	<i>Republic</i> – Book 8 – Pages 252 – 284 <i>Prince</i> – Ch.XVIII through Ch.XIX – Pages 61 – 72
<b>Week 13</b>	Monday Wednesday	Nov. 20 Nov. 22	Library Research for Term Paper – <b><u>no quiz due</u></b> <b>Thanksgiving Holiday (NO CLASS)</b>
<b>Week 14</b>	Monday Wednesday	Nov. 27 Nov. 29	<i>Republic</i> – Book 9 – Pages 285 – 312 <b>TERM PAPER DUE</b> <i>Prince</i> – Ch.XX through Ch.XXIII – Pages 72 – 82
<b>Week 15</b>	Monday Wednesday	Dec. 4 Dec. 6	<i>Republic</i> – Book 10 – Pages 313 – 345 <i>Prince</i> – Ch.XXIV through Ch.XXVI – Pages 83 – 91
<b>Week 16</b>	Monday	Dec. 11	<b><u>FINAL EXAM – 5:30pm – 7:30pm</u></b>

**Withdrawal Policy:** See the current *Collin Registration Guide* for last day to withdraw.

**Collin College Academic Policies:** See the current *Collin Student Handbook*

**Americans with Disabilities Act Statement:** Collin College will adhere to all applicable federal, state and local laws, regulations and guidelines with respect to providing reasonable accommodations as required to afford equal educational opportunity. It is the student's responsibility to contact the ACCESS office, SCC-D140 or 972.881.5898 (V/TTD: 972.881.5950) to arrange for appropriate accommodations. See the current *Collin Student Handbook* for additional information.

**Course Repeat Policy:** Beginning Fall 2016, Texas residents attempting a course more than twice at Collin College are subject to regular tuition plus an additional \$50 per semester credit hour. Please see the "Repeating Courses" section of the Registration Guide for more information.

**Religious Holy Days:** Please refer to the current *Collin Student Handbook*.