



North Central State College

<b>MASTER SYLLABUS</b>	<b>2025-2026</b>
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- A. Academic Division: Liberal Arts
- B. Discipline: Philosophy
- C. Course Number and Title: PHIL1010 Western Philosophy
- D. Assistant Dean: Laura Irmer, MFA,MA
- E. Credit Hours: 3
- F. Prerequisites: None
- G. Last Course/Curriculum Revision Date: Fall 2023
- H. Textbook(s) Title:

Origin date: 11/12/2010

*The Story of Philosophy*

- Author: Bryan Magee
- Year: 2016
- Edition: 2nd
- ISBN: 9781465445643

- I. Workbook(s) and/or Lab Manual: None

J. Course Description: This course involves an examination of the great philosophical ideas that have shaped the development of Western Civilization. These ideas include those promoted during the ancient Greek period of Western development, the early Christian era, the Protestant Reformation, the Enlightenment, the Nineteenth Century, the Modern Age, the Age of Existentialism, the Postmodern era, and the Age of Recovery. The philosophers covered include Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, St. Paul, Augustine, Occam, Aquinas, Erasmus, Luther, Descartes, Hobbes, Rousseau, Kant, Hegel, Feuerbach, Marx, Emerson, Nietzsche, Kierkegaard, Bergson, Dewey, Heidegger, Sartre, Camus, Teilhard, Habermas, Pera, Guardini, Zizek, and Ratzinger. This course meets the requirements for OTM Arts and Humanities TMAH and also TAG# OAH405.

- K. College-Wide Learning Objectives:

College-Wide Learning Outcomes	Assessment - - How it is met & When it is met
Communication – Written	
Communication – Speech	
Intercultural Knowledge and Competence	
Critical Thinking	
Information Literacy	
Quantitative Literacy	

- L. Course Outcomes and Assessment Methods:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student shall:

Outcomes	Assessment - - How it is met & When it is met
1. Explain the major ideas of Socrates, Plato and Aristotle	Papers, participation, quizzes--All Term; Final—On the day that the final is given
2. Explain the major ideas of Paul, Augustine Occam, and Aquinas	Papers, participation, quizzes--All Term; Final—On the day that the final is given
3. Explain the major ideas of Wycliffe, Erasmus, Luther, and Calvin	Papers, participation, quizzes--All Term; Final—On the day that the final is given
4. Explain the major ideas of Hobbes, Rousseau, and Kant	Papers, participation, quizzes--All Term; Final—On the day that the final is given
5. Explain the major ideas of Hegel, Emerson, Feuerbach, Marx, Nietzsche, and Kierkegaard	Papers, participation, quizzes--All Term; Final—On the day that the final is given
6. Explain the major ideas of Bergson and Dewey	Papers, participation, quizzes--All Term; Final—On the day that the final is given
7. Explain the major ideas of Heidegger, Sartre, and Camus	Papers, participation, quizzes--All Term; Final—On the day that the final is given
8. Explain the major ideas of Teilhard, Habermas, Pera, Guardini, Zizek, and Ratzinger	Papers, participation, quizzes--All Term; Final—On the day that the final is given

**Note:** Quizzes are generally unannounced in order to keep students focused on the material at the beginning of each class.

M. Recommended Course Grading Scale:

NUMERIC	GRADE	POINTS	DEFINITION
93–100	A	4.00	Superior
90–92	A-	3.67	Superior
87–89	B+	3.33	Above Average
83–86	B	3.00	Above Average
80–82	B-	2.67	Above Average
77–79	C+	2.33	Average
73–76	C	2.00	Average
70-72	C-	1.67	Below Average
67–69	D+	1.33	Below Average
63-66	D	1.00	Below Average
60-62	D-	0.67	Poor
00-59	F	0.00	Failure

N. College Procedures/Policies:

North Central State College believes that every student is a valued and equal member of the community.\* Every student brings different experiences to the College, and all are important in enriching academic life and developing greater understanding and appreciation of one another. Therefore, NC State College creates an inclusive culture in which students feel comfortable sharing their experiences.

Discrimination and prejudice have no place on the campus, and the College takes any complaint in this regard seriously. Students encountering aspects of the instruction that result in barriers to their sense of being included and respected should contact the instructor, assistant dean, or dean without fear of reprisal.

\* *Inclusive of race, color, religion, gender, gender identity or expression, national origin (ancestry), military status (past, present or future), disability, age (40 years or older), status as a parent during pregnancy and immediately after the birth of a child, status as a parent of a young child, status as a foster parent, genetic information, or sexual orientation*

**Important information regarding College Procedures and Policies can be found on the syllabus supplement located at**

<https://ncstatecollege.edu/documents/President/PoliciesProcedures/PolicyManual/Final%20PDFs/14-081b.pdf>



**North Central State College**  
**SYLLABUS ADDENDUM**

Academic Division: Arts and Humanities

Discipline: Philosophy

Course Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_

Course Number: PHIL 1010

Course Title: Western Philosophy

Semester / Session: SPRING 2026 / Session B

Start / End Date: 3/16/2026 – 5/8/2026

**Instructor Information**

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Office Location: None (remote)      Office Hours: By phone or Zoom ( schedule ahead of time)

**I. Topical Timeline / Course Calendar (Subject to Change):**

Weeks	Topics	Assignment	Due Date
1	Greek Thought 1	Discussion Posting/Peer response/Quiz	3/20
2	Greek Thought 2	Discussion Posting/Peer response/Quiz	3/27
3	Christian Philosophy	Discussion Posting/Peer response/Quiz	4/3
4	Reformation/Rationalists MIDTERM	Discussion Posting/Peer response TEST	4/10
5	Empiricists	Discussion Posting/Peer Response/Quiz	4/17
6	French Thinkers	Discussion Posting/Peer Response/Quiz	4/24
7	German Philosophers/20 <sup>th</sup> century Philosophers	Discussion Posting/Peer Response/Quiz	5/1
8	Final	TEST	5/8

**II. Grading and Testing Guidelines:**

Final Grade Calculation

Activity	Qty	Points	Percentage
Discussion Postings/Peer Response/Quiz	9	100	70
Midterm	1	100	15
Final	1	100	15

**III. Examination Policy:**

The reasons a student will be excused from taking an examination:

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- a. Hospitalization (with documented verification)
- b. Death in the immediate family (with documented verification)
- c. Personal illness or illness in immediate family - (doctor's excuse required).
  - A student who does not submit a midterm or final paper will receive a zero in that grade category.
  - The paper will only be accepted within one week of the due date (with points off for late submission).

#### **IV. Class Attendance and Homework Make-Up Policy:**

Adopt a scholarly approach to classroom discussions and interactions online. This includes reading each other's opinions and reacting in controlled, responsible ways so that each student engages with the assigned topic and refrains from attacking, reprimanding, or patronising fellow students. "Responsible" interactions include but are not limited to addressing the material and developing informed opinions, respectfully disagreeing with each other if necessary, and supporting each other when analytically justified.

This is an asynchronous course; therefore, attendance is measured in the regularity with which the student submits assignments. The student doesn't need to log in a required number of times per week. Any assignment submitted over one week after the due date will be heavily penalized unless the student is in an emergency that has been discussed with the instructor ahead of time. See section above for details on what constitutes an emergency. Penalties for this type of work often result in very few points being assigned, and they are assigned at the instructor's discretion. No work, including any final exams or projects, will be accepted beyond the last day of the course.