Department of Humanities and Social Sciences

Course Profile

Course Number : **HSS 341**	Course Title : **Introduction to Philosophy**
Required / Elective: Elective	Pre / Co-requisites : -
Catalog Description: Exploration of enduring philosophical questions regarding the nature of reality, the existence of the external world, the extent of human freedom, the definition of the good, its relevance to moral life. The principles of social and political organization. Traditional problems in philosophy (reality, knowledge, existence of God, morality, aesthetic experience), Works by the great philosophers. Basic philosophizing skills; critical reasoning, conceptual analysis, writing skills, argument strategy and tactics.	Textbook / Required Material : *Fifty Major Philosophers(A Reference Guide)* by Diane Collinson and *The Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy* by Simon Blackburn.

Course Structure / Schedule : **(3+0+0) 3 / 6 ECTS**

Extended Description : The aim of the course is to analyze the basic issues and concepts in Philosophy.Major issues and problems in Epistemology, Ontology, Ethics, Philosophy of Science, Philosophy of Religion, Political Philosophy, Philosophy of Language and Aesthetics will be explored and summarized from a historical perspective thorugh the theories of major philosophers such as Plato, Aristotle, Epicurus, Sextus, Augustinus, Avicenna, Aquinas, Descartes, Leibniz, Spinoza, Bacon, Hobbes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, Kant, Hegel, Marx, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche, Wittgenstein, Heidegger and Sartre.

Course Outline:

Week	Topics
1	The Meaning of Philosophy
2	Major Disciplines in Philosophy
3	Basic Problems and Issues in Philosophy
4	Ancient Greek Philosophy: Plato and Aristotle
5	Ancient Greek Philosophy: Epicurus and Sextus
6	Medieval Philosophy: Augustinus, Avicenna and Aquinas
7	Mid-Term Exam
8	Early Modern Philosophy / Rationalism: Descartes, Leibniz and Spinoza
9	Early Modern Philosophy / Empiricism: Bacon, Hobbes, Locke
10	18th Century Philosophy: Berkeley, Hume, Kant
11	19th Century Philosophy: Hegel, Marx, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche
12	20th Century Philosophy: Wittgenstein, Heidegger, Sartre

13	Summary of the Basic Issues in Philosophy

Design content : none	Computer usage: No particular computer usage required

Course Outcomes:

	Program Outcomes	*Level of Contribution				
		1	2	3	4	5
1	Apply analytical and critical thinking skills to contemporary global issues.					*
2	Describe the interrelationships between science, technology, and society.			*		
3	Describe the interrelationships between art, culture, and society.				*	
4	Explain the historical, political and economic conditions in which science and technology emerge.		*			
5	Explain the historical, political and material conditions in which art and cultural expression emerge.		*			
6	Analyze how modes of thought are shaped by socio-cultural, historical, political and economic variables.				*	
7	Apply discipline-relevant methods to HSS research assignments.			*		
8	Summarize and assess current developments in their subject area.					*
9	Recognize ethical issues and social responsibilities in the contemporary world.					*
10	Synthesize complex ideas in clear and concise ways.					*
11	Generate creative solutions to local and/or global problems.				*	
12	Recognize relevance of coursework to personal experiences, lifelong learning, and job security.			*		
13	Demonstrate an ability to function on teams.			*		
14	Demonstrate an ability to communicate effectively with written, oral and visual means.					*

Recommended reading : -

Teaching methods : Class participation: Pre-class readings, lecture and class discussions, individual readings and team work for presentation.

Assessment methods : 1 Mid-Term Exam (%45), 1 Final Exam (%45 each), Attendance (%10)

Student workload:

     Preparatory reading   …….…....... 60 hrs

     Lectures ………………………..... 60 hrs

     Class Discussions ……………….....30 hrs

     TOTAL ………………………..... **150 hrs . . . to match 25x 6 ECTS**

Course Category:

ISCED General Area Codes	General Areas	ISCED Basic Area Codes	Basic Educational Areas	Percentage
1	Education	14	Teacher Training and Educational Sciences	
2	Humanities and Art	21	Art	
2	Humanities and Art	22	Humanities	30
3	Social Sciences, Management and Law	31	Social and Behavioral Sciences	70
3	Social Sciences, Management and Law	32	Journalism and Informatics	
3	Social Sciences, Management and Law	38	Law	
4	Science	42	Life Sciences	
4	Science	44	Natural Sciences	
4	Science	46	Mathematics and Statistics	
4	Science	48	Computer	
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and Civil	52	Engineering	
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and Civil	54	Manufacturing and Processing	
5	Engineering, Manufacturing and Civil	58	Architecture and Structure	
6	Agriculture	62	Agriculture, Forestry,	

			Livestock, Fishery	
6	Agriculture	64	Veterinary	
7	Medicine and Welfare	72	Medical	
7	Medicine and Welfare	76	Social Services	
8	Service	81	Personal Services	
8	Service	84	Transport Services	
8	Service	85	Environment Protection	
8	Service	86	Security Services	
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