

Grande Prairie Regional College
Fall-Winter 1993-94

PH1400 - A23

INTRODUCTION TO WESTERN PHILOSOPHY

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(Office: C-207)

This course will introduce you to western philosophy from its origins in the thought of Plato and Aristotle to contemporary work in the philosophy of mind and artificial intelligence. The writings of Plato, Descartes, Hume and Mill will be studied in some detail, while other writers will be looked at in historical perspective. Topics covered will include political philosophy, ethics, metaphysics, the philosophy of knowledge and the philosophy of mind and human nature.

Texts: Plato. *Republic*. G.M.A. Grube, trans. Hackett, 1974.
Rene Descartes. *Discourse on Method and Meditations*. Donald A. Cress, trans. Hackett, 1980.
David Hume. *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*. Eric Steinberg, ed. Hackett, 1977.
John Stuart Mill. *Utilitarianism*. George Sher, ed. Hackett, 1979.

Classes: MWF 11:00 - 11:50 J228

Office Hours: Tuesday 09:00 - 12:00, 13:00 - 16:00 C-207
Thursday 09:00 - 12:00

Assignments for Credit:

1.	First midcourse test	15 %	(mid - November)
2.	First essay	20 %	(December)
3.	Second midcourse test	15 %	(mid - February)
4.	Second essay	20 %	(March)
5.	Final Exam	30 %	(April)

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