

Division: ACADEMIC

DATE: December 1, 1981

New Course: _____
Revision of Course
information form: X

B: Department: ARTS & HUMANITIES

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AND EXISTENCE
Descriptive Title

F: 3
Semester-Credit

C: PHI 152 D: REALITY
Subject & Course No.

Summary of Revision:
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Metaphysical questions, especially those of Descartes, Kant
and contemporary philosophers (e.g. Plato, Aristotle, Descartes, Kant)

F: Calendar Description:
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Textbooks and materials to be Purchased by Student
(Use Bibliography)

- 1. Churchland, P. Matter and Consciousness (MIT Press, 1984)
- 2. ...
- 3. ... Great Works of Philosophy, (NAL, 1959).

Feinberg, J. (edited by) Reason & Responsibility: Readings in Some Basic Problems of Philosophy, (Wadsworth, 1986).

IVES

O. COURSE OBJECTIVES

General

of the course are:

The purposes

1. to introduce students to traditional and contemporary problems of metaphysics, and to the philosophical reasoning and viewpoints pertaining to them; and

1. to introduce

2. to encourage students to reflect on the types of metaphysical problems covered.

Specific

Students will demonstrate:

1. an understanding of the basic metaphysical problems covered;

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2. an understanding of the relation of metaphysics and contemporary philosophy with regard to these problems;

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3. the ability to contrast and compare traditional and contemporary philosophical perspectives on specific topics covered in the course; and

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4. the ability to systematically formulate and present their own thinking on specific topics covered in the course.

P. COURSE CONTENT

1. Historical and contemporary

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- 2. An examination of the work of one major historical philosopher (e.g., Aristotle, Descartes, Hume, Kant, etc.) or an examination of the writings of several philosophers on one major historical problem of metaphysics.
- 3. The study of another major problem on contemporary thinking about that problem; and emphasis
- 4. Works examined might include Descartes' Meditations on Knowledge, etc.; Hegel's Phenomenology; problems covered might include the problem of personal identity, or the ultimate nature of reality. Other topics covered might include: God, life after death, meaning and the purpose of life, causation, free will & determinism, human nature, investigation in philosophical psychology, the relation of language to consciousness

O. METHOD

A combination of lecture and discussion. Several class sessions will be devoted to a discussion of the lecture and reading material. Other class sessions may involve formal lecture and structured discussion.

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R. EVALUATION (Any Combination)

ESSAYS (two to four)	40 - 60%
Tests (two or more)	20 - 40%

Instructor's General Evaluation

(participation, improvement, etc.)

TOTAL 100%