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Course Description: This is a foundation course in philosophy. Students will learn about topics such as epistemology, metaphysics and ethics. The course introduces the methods of philosophy, addresses some major philosophical questions and examines the views of various philosophers from around the world. Fulfills Gordon Rule Writing requirement. (3 hr. lecture)
Prerequisite: ENC1101

Course Competency	Learning Outcomes
Competency 1: The student will demonstrate knowledge of philosophy by:	1. Communication
1. Employing effective listening skills. 2. Employing effective reading skills. 3. Employing effective writing skills.	
Competency 2: The student will demonstrate an understanding of the principles of critical thinking by:	3. Critical thinking
1. Defining key vocabulary terms relating to critical thinking. 2. Distinguishing between deductive and inductive reasoning. 3. Applying various logical techniques to evaluate deductive and inductive arguments for traditional philosophical theories.	
Competency 3: The student will demonstrate an understanding of ethics by:	3. Critical thinking 7. Ethical Issues
1. Defining key vocabulary terms relating to ethics. 2. Identifying and explaining issues in normative ethics such as Kantianism, utilitarianism, or hedonism. 3. Describing their values and ethical standards regarding personal, civic and social responsibility. 4. Describing different theoretical frameworks for resolving ethical dilemmas.	
Competency 4: The student will demonstrate an understanding of epistemology and metaphysics by:	3. Critical thinking
1. Defining key vocabulary terms relating to epistemology and metaphysics 2. Articulating various historical theories of epistemology and metaphysics. 3. Analyzing and evaluating various epistemological and metaphysical ideas.	
Competency 5: The student will demonstrate knowledge of the various branches of philosophy such as Aesthetics, Political or Social Philosophy, Philosophy of Religion, or Logic by:	3. Critical thinking
1. Defining key vocabulary terms within these topics. 2. Articulating various theories within these topics. 3. Analyzing and evaluating ideas within these topics.	