**Course Title**
PHI 101—Introduction to Philosophy

**Course Credits**
Three credit hours

**School**
Scottsdale Community College

**Semester**
Fall 2014

**Textbooks**
*Philosophical Traditions*, by Louis Pojman
ISBN: 0-534-57042-9

**Section #**
37221

**Meeting Time/Place**
MW 1:30-2:50 p.m. in AP 269

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Tuesday 1:30 p.m.-2:30 p.m.
Wednesday 10 a.m.-noon

**Course Description**
General consideration of human nature and the nature of the universe. Knowledge, perception, freedom and determinism, and the existence of God.

**Course Requirements**
Seven quizzes, bi-weekly reaction papers, and a comprehensive final exam.

**Grades**
The seven quizzes are 50% of your final grade. The reaction papers are 25%. The final exam is 25%. I drop your lowest quiz score.

The final grade will be determined by the following scale:
A=90%-100%
B=80%-89%
C=70%-79%
D=60%-69%
F=0%-59%

Final grades can either be on the normal A through F scale, or one of the following:

Withdrawal – You can receive a “W” (withdrawal without failing) at Admissions and Records without my signature if you decide to withdraw by the due date. You can withdraw with my signature until the due date. I reserve the right to give you a “Y” (failing withdrawal) to you if you are failing at the time of the request. This happens if your behavior in class warrants this mark.

Incomplete – If you do not complete all work by the end of the course, you may contract with me to finish it by a certain date to receive credit for the course. This is not granted automatically, and is considered only for special cases.
Quizzes and Papers
Missed quizzes score a zero. *Bring a pencil* for quizzes.

The reaction papers should be one page in length and *must be typed*. Poor reaction papers will get 50% credit, and the remaining credit can be made up within one week with further writing. Reaction papers can be turned in up to one week late as long as they are double length (two pages). If they are not turned in by one week past their due date, they must be a full three pages to have a chance at full credit.

The final exam is comprehensive.

Attendance
Good attendance can help you if your grade is borderline. Do not habitually come late to class.

Safety Regulations
All discussion in our class will be conducted in a respectful manner. We will discuss very controversial ideas, yet we will not attack one another mentally or physically. You must be open to having any idea or belief, critically evaluated and questioned. An idea’s being “questioned” does not make it a false idea. After all the questioning, you might be right!

Special-Needs Students
If you have any special needs, call Disability Resources at 480-423-6517.

Academic Dishonesty
Cheating and plagiarism will not be tolerated. Both will result in a failure for the assignment in question, or failure in the class as a whole.

Taping
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