

## Global Learning Semesters

### Course Syllabus

Course: EDUC-281 Intro to Philosophy

Department: Education

Host Institution: University of Nicosia, Nicosia, Cyprus



Course Summary		
Course Code	Course Title	Recommended Credit Hours
EDUC-281	Intro to Philosophy	3
Semester Offered	Contact Hours	Prerequisites
Fall	42	None
Department	Level of Course	Language of Instruction
Education	Lower Division	Greek

### Course Description

Meaning and content of philosophy. Branches of philosophy. Empiricism; Rationalism; Apriorism; Insight; Realism; Phenomenology; Dogmatism; Skepticism; Critical Teaching; Positivism; Epistemological Criticism; Biological theory; Pragmatism; Sociological theory.

### Instructor

Dr Pavlos Michaelides

### Course Aims and Objectives

Understand the major themes and issues in philosophy as a field of study.

### Teaching Methods

The course is delivered through a mixture of lectures and practical exercises and assignments.

### Course Teaching Hours

42 hours. The course is delivered during the Spring semester in 14-weeks (3 hours/week).

### Evaluation and Grading

Homework: 20%  
Mid-Term: 30%  
Final Exam: 40%  
Participation: 10%

### Readings and Resources

**Required Textbook**

Thomas Nagel, Basic Philosophy Problems, Athens, 1989.

Russell, B. ,Philosophy Problems, (Greek translation) G. Dyriotis, Arsenides Ed., Athens. 1963

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Socrates Gigas, Philosophy for All, Athens, 1990.

Melvin Miller Rader, Jerry H. Gill (Contributor), The Enduring Questions: Main Problems of Philosophy, Holt  
Richt & Winston, 1990.

Douglas J. Soccio, Archetypes of Wisdom: An Introduction to Philosophy (Wadsworth Publishing Company 1998)

Olen, J., Persons and their world, An Introduction to Philosophy, Random House, New York. 1983

Robert C. Solomon, Robert J. Fogelin, The Big Questions: A short Introduction, Hbj College School Division,  
1997

Thomas I. White, Discovering Philosophy, Prentice Hall, 1996.