

Division: ACADEMIC

DATE: December 1, 1981

New Course: \_\_\_\_\_  
Revision of Course  
information form: X

B: Department: ARTS & HUMANITIES

DATE: December 1981

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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N: 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

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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 epistemology 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) and a discussion 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 and Its Objects; Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit; 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. Some class sessions will be devoted to a discussion of the lecture and reading material. Other class sessions may involve formal lecture and structured discussion.

R. EVALUATION (Any Combination Totaling 100%)

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

Instructor's General Evaluation

(participation, improvement, etc.)

TOTAL 100%