A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week:

MnTC Goals: Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts , Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp

Does human life have a meaning? If so, where or how can it be found? How should one live? What kind of people should we want to be? How does the nature of one's community and one's position in it affect one's answers to these questions? Do only certain kinds of communities offer opportunities for a good life? This course uses movies and philosophical essays from classical and contemporary sources to discuss these and other matters concerning life’s meaning.

B. Course Effective Dates: 05/06/2014 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Attain that understanding through an investigation of film and writings in philosophy and the humanities.
2. Be able to examine, articulate, and apply this newly developed understanding to their ethical views and understanding of the responsibilities of citizenship.
3. Develop a beginning understanding of critical analysis of work in philosophy.
4. Explore how these issues map onto the rights and responsibilities of citizens in American society.
5. Understand approaches to crucial questions such as the bounds of moral obligation, the nature of justice and the role of liberty.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts
1. Articulate an informed personal reaction to works in the arts and humanities.
2. Understand those works as expressions of individual and human values within an historical and social context.
3. Demonstrate awareness of the scope and variety of works in the arts and humanities.
4. Respond critically to works in the arts and humanities.

Goal 09 - Ethical/Civic Resp
1. Understand and apply core concepts (e.g. politics, rights and obligations, justice, liberty) to specific issues.
2. Analyze and reflect on the ethical dimensions of legal, social, and scientific issues.
3. Examine, articulate, and apply their own ethical views.
4. Recognize the diversity of political motivations and interests of others.
5. Identify ways to exercise the rights and responsibilities of citizenship.

G. Special Information

None