Metropolitan State University

PHIL 378 : Contemporary Epistemology and Metaphysics

A. Course Description

Credits: 4

Lab Hours/ Weeks: Corequisites: None

Lecture Hours/ Week :

MnTC Goals: Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies , Goal 06 - Humanities/Fine Arts

Recent developments in the philosophical understanding of knowledge and reality. Texts will include both analytic and continental approaches, as well as the work of members of previously marginalized groups. Topics may include developments in social epistemology, feminist work on the concept of identity, or the rise of interest in cognitive science and experimental philosophy.

B. Course Effective Dates: 08/16/2017 - Present

C. Outline of Major Content Areas:

See Course Description for major content areas.

D. Learning Outcomes (General)

1. Analyze and critique philosophical works drawn from several twentieth century traditions, focusing most acutely on the centrality of justification in philosophical arguments.
2. Locate these works in the political, social and economic contexts in which they were created, understanding, at an advanced collegiate level, the complex relation between these contexts and intellectual work.

E. Learning Outcomes (MN Transfer Curriculum)

Goal LS - Upper Division Liberal Studies  
None

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.

G. Special Information

None