

Instructor Information	
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Course Information	
Description	A study of major issues in philosophy and/or the work of major philosophical figures in philosophy. Topics in philosophy may include theories of reality, theories of knowledge, theories of value, and their practical applications.
Required Textbooks	<i>Textbook Purchasing Statement: A student attending Lamar State College Port Arthur is not under any obligation to purchase a textbook from the college-affiliated bookstore. The same textbook may also be available from an independent retailer, including an online retailer.</i>
	OER only
Additional Materials/Resources	None
Corequisites/Prerequisites	None
Learning Outcomes	Upon successful completion of this course, students will: Read, analyze, and critique philosophical texts. Demonstrate knowledge of key concepts, major arguments, problems, and terminology in philosophy. Present logically persuasive arguments both orally and in writing. Demonstrate critical thinking skills in evaluation and application of philosophical concepts to various aspects of life. Evaluate the personal and social responsibilities of living in a diverse world.
Core Objectives	Communication skills: Students will demonstrate effective written, oral and/or visual communication. * Critical Thinking Skills: Students will engage in creative and/or innovative thinking, and/or inquiry, analysis, evaluation, synthesis of information, organizing concepts and constructing solutions. Social Responsibility: Students will demonstrate intercultural competency and civic knowledge by engaging effectively in local, regional, national and/or global communities. * Personal Responsibility: Students will demonstrate the ability to connect choices, actions and consequences to ethical decision-making.
Lecture Topics Outline	Introduction (The World Riddle / The Spirit of Inquiry) Predicament / Self Knowledge / Senses Laws/Conscience / Ethics Lifestyles / Freedom Psyche Midterm Exam Freud/Marx Life History Eastern Philosophy Death/Immortality Final Exam
Major Assignments Schedule	Module 1 - Logical Fallacies Module 2 - Deontology and Consequentialism Module 3 - Milgram Module 4 - Prisoner's Dilemma Module 5 - Midterm Module 6 - Speech Acts Module 7 - Science and Religion Module 8 - Existentialism and Essentialism Module 9 - Small Scale Ethics Module 10 - Final Exam
Final Exam Date	May 1, 2025 - 11:59 PM Through May 7, 2025 - 11:59 PM
Grading Scale	

Determination of Final Grade	Tests: 40%. Response Papers 40%, Discussion Boards 20%
Course Policies	
Instructor Policies	I will not discuss your grades over the phone or by email. If you want to discuss your grades, you must come to my office, in person, or establish a Zoom/Teams virtual meeting.
Attendance Policy	Online Course -- weekly participation will be required for success in turning in assignments and for Discussion Board points.
Additional Information	
Institutional Policies	
MyLSCPA	Be sure to check your campus email and Course Homepage using MyLSCPA campus web portal. You can also access your grades, transcripts, academic advisors, degree progress, and other services through MyLSCPA .
Academic Honesty	Academic honesty is expected from all students, and dishonesty in any form will not be tolerated. Please consult the LSCPA policies (Academic Dishonesty section in the Student Handbook) for consequences of academic dishonesty.
ADA Considerations	The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal anti-discrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Disability Services Coordinator , Room 117, in the Student Success Center. The phone number is (409) 984-6241.
COVID 19 Information	The Lamar State College Port Arthur (LSCPA) Student Code of Conduct COVID 19 Policy requires students who have been diagnosed with COVID 19 to report their condition directly to their local health department. Students should also contact their course faculty to report their quarantine status. In addition, this policy requires all students to wear face coverings when directly exposed to COVID 19 in compliance with the criteria included in the policy. For more information please refer to the COVID 19 link on the LSCPA website.
Facility Policies	No food or tobacco products are allowed in the classroom. Only students enrolled in the course are allowed in the classroom, except by special instructor permission. Use of electronic devices is prohibited.
HB 2504	This syllabus is part of LSCPA's efforts to comply with Texas House Bill 2504.
Mandatory Reporting of Child Abuse and Neglect	As per Texas law and LSCPA policy, all LSCPA employees, including faculty, are required to report allegations or disclosures of child abuse or neglect to the designated authorities, which may include a local or state law enforcement agency or the Texas Department of Family Protective Services. For more information about mandatory reporting requirements, see LSCPA's Policy and Procedure Manual .
Title IX and Sexual Misconduct	LSCPA is committed to establishing and maintaining an environment that is free from all forms of sex discrimination, including sexual harassment, sexual violence, and other forms of sexual misconduct. All LSCPA employees, including faculty, have the responsibility to report disclosures of sexual misconduct, including sexual harassment, sexual assault (including rape and acquaintance rape), domestic violence, dating violence, relationship violence, or stalking, to LSCPA's Title IX Coordinator, whose role is to coordinate the college's response to sexual misconduct. For more information about Title IX protections, faculty reporting responsibilities, options for confidential reporting, and the resources available for support visit LSCPA's Title IX website .
Clery Act Crime Reporting	For more information about the Clery Act and crime reporting, see the Annual Security & Fire Safety Report and the Campus Security website .
Grievance / Complaint / Concern	If you have a grievance, complaint, or concern about this course that has not been resolved through discussion with the Instructor, please consult the Department Chair.
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