PHIL 110: Introduction to Philosophy

Thank you for your interest in Philosophy 110: Introduction to Philosophy. The first day of class is September 2, 2013. Please be sure to log in at that time to view the materials I have posted for the first week of class.

Access Requirements:

No mandatory campus visits are required to take this course. The course, however, is not a self-paced course but an online community of learners working through a 17-week semester. It unfolds bi-weekly with the whole class participating in readings, exercises and discussions. If you are seeking an independent study course, know in advance that this is not one. You do have to log on at least 3 days a week to work in the course, but you can pick whichever days and times suit you. Approximately every two weeks I will post new reading assignments, discussion topics, online materials and quizzes. Work must be completed on schedule and no late assignments will accepted. Students should always access the class web site in Moodle via MyCOM. For information about getting a MyCOM account, read the FAQ's on the MyCOM Portal login page. #6 on the Portal login page explains how to get to Moodle.

First Day of Class Instructions:

All enrolled students are required to login to the class Moodle website between 9 am Monday September 2nd and 6 pm September 3rd 2013 to hold their spot in the class. If a registered student does not login to the class site during this period, his or her spot may be given to a student on the waitlist. (The waitlist is long and there is a shortage of class spots to meet the demand; so know that I will honor the waitlist if you do not confirm your spot and begin the course as required.)

Waitlist & Add Codes:

If you are on the waitlist or attempting to add the course, email the instructor, John Marmysz, as soon as possible to indicate your desire to take the course and to receive course start up information. Please include your name, the section number of the class you wish to add, and your COM Student ID (if you have one) in your email. I do honor the official waitlist, adding students in the order they appear.

Course Materials:


Book Purchases: Students may purchase their books through online booksellers or at the COM campus bookstore.

What To Do When You First Access The Course Online:

Be advised that Moodle works best with Firefox. Not all features function with Safari for Mac users. If you run into any technical problems, check your browser using the helpful information at the following link:
http://ilearn.csUMB.edu/BrowserTestFiles/index.php
Take some time to familiarize yourself with these 2 helpful Moodle FAQs for students and bookmark them for future reference:
http://www.marin.edu/DE/faq.html
http://docs.moodle.org/20/en/Student_FAQ.

Finally, there is an important note that you should read and heed at the top right of your Moodle home screen: “Closing this browser does not end your session. In order to end a session you must click on Logout (top right side of browser window). If you do not log out, your session will remain active. The next person to use this computer will have full access to your account.”

If you have any questions, please feel free to email me. I look forward to the upcoming semester!
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