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CLASS HOURS 45 hours LECTURE HOURS \_\_\_\_\_ LAB HOURS \_\_\_\_\_ CONTACT HOURS (CEU ONLY) \_\_\_\_\_

DEPARTMENT Humanities and Communication SCHEDULE TYPE Virtual Classroom (H)  
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COMPUTER TITLE Restricted to 25 characters, including spaces Phil of Human Nature

CATALOG TITLE Philosophy of Human Nature

CATALOG DESCRIPTION OF COURSE Limited to 350 characters, including spaces

Traces the human pursuit of self-knowledge from ancient Greece to the present. Explores such fundamental philosophical questions as: How can we think clearly without prejudice; is life intrinsically valuable; can science explain everything; and why do we exist. (Requirement: Must be enrolled in University Alliance.)

**In addition, you may attach a course syllabus and/or more detailed description.**

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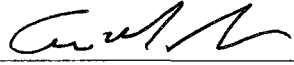
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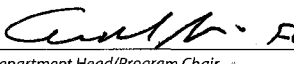
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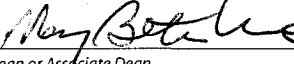
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**DRAFT      HUM1023      Philosophy of Human Nature**

Credit Hours: 3

Course Description:

Traces the human pursuit of self-knowledge, from ancient Greece to the present. Explores fundamental philosophical questions including, How can we think clearly without prejudice? Is life intrinsically valuable? Can science explain everything? Why do we exist?

Objectives:

Explore the history of philosophy.

Compare and contrast key philosophies including Plato, transcendentalism, utopianism, and existentialism.

Explore one's own self-understanding, meaning and orientation in life

Course Outline:

Introduction and Syllabus Review

Course Introduction II: What is Philosophy?

The History of Philosophy

The Five Branches of Philosophy

A Little Logic

Plato-i: "The Apology"

Plato-ii: "Crito" and "Phaedo"

Thoreau-i: Transcendentalism; Synopsis of *Walden*

Thoreau-ii: Focal Points in *Walden*

Huxley-i: Utopias: Synopsis of *Brave New World*

Huxley-ii: Focal Points in *Brave New World*

Josef Pieper-i: The Work Ethic

Pieper-ii: *Leisure-the Basis of Culture*

Frankl-i: Existentialism; *Man's Search for Meaning*

Frankl-ii: Focal Points

Summary

Texts:

Stevenson and Haberman, Ten Theories of Human Nature, 4th Edition

Plato, Last days of Socrates, Tredennick

Brave New World, Huxley

Walden & Other Writings, Thoreau

Man's Search for Meaning, Frankl

Leisure: The Basis of Culture, Pieper

Grading:

Mini-papers on philosophers and their philosophies (4)      20%

Quizzes (4)      20%

Discussion board postings (10)      30%

Paper      20%

Exam (1)      10%

Grade Scale:    A: 90-100;    B: 80-89;    C: 70-79;    D: 60-69;    F: 0-59