PARKLAND COLLEGE

Course Information Form (CIF)

Course Code: PHI 103 (IAI H4 900)

Course Title: Introduction to Philosophy

Department: Humanities
PCS Code: 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer
CIP Code: 38.0101
Repeatability: 0

Effective Date: Summer 2026

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3
Credit Hour Distribution:

Lecture: 3	Lab: 0	Clinical: 0	**Total: 3**

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Basic questions of human experience (human nature, freedom, values, knowledge, justice, reality, God) as reflected in the ideas of the most significant thinkers and schools of thought in both ancient and modern philosophical traditions.

General Course Objectives

To enable the student to explore and understand the great traditions, philosophers, historical periods, and problems of philosophy.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 099	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

12 quizzes, each quiz on the ideas of the philosophers who authored the primary readings, and a final exam.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Civilization and its Discontents, Freud
Fragments of the Pre-Socratics (selected)
Man's Search for Meaning, Frankl
Trial and Death of Socrates, Plato

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Communication: Students will demonstrate the ability to read, write, listen, and speak effectively.
- Creativity and Innovative Thinking: Students will design, present, and interpret materials, information, and ideas in innovative ways.
- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Fragments of the Pre-Socratics	1. Demonstrate an ability to read and write about selected fragments of the Pre-Socratics, focusing on cosmology and theory of knowledge. 2. Demonstrate an ability to process research and outside reading with information literacy. 3. Demonstrate an understanding of worldwide issues as they originated in the earliest known attempts at philosophy. 4. Demonstrate an ability to describe and evaluate cosmology and theory of knowledge in the tragic age of the Greeks.	11	0	0
Classical Philosophy: Plato	1. Demonstrate an ability to read and write about selected dialogues by Plato (Euthyphro, Crito, Trial, Republic VII) focusing on primary ideas of metaphysics and epistemology as the foundations of classical thought. 2. Demonstrate an ability to process research and outside reading with information literacy. 3. Demonstrate an understanding of worldwide issues as posed in classical form. 4. Demonstrate ability to specify how ethical values were incorporated into Plato's philosophy.	12	0	0
Modern Philosophy of Mind: Freud	1. Demonstrate an ability to read and write about the structural theory of the mind.	11	0	0
Modern Tragic Optimism: Frankl	1. Demonstrate an ability to read and write about tragic optimism critical of Freud and Sartre and the relation of modern to ancient tragic optimism.	11	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0