

# PHIL 1200: INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

## Instructor Info

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## Texts

Ken Warmbrod, *A Brief Introduction to Logic*

Gendler, Siegel & Cahn, *The Elements of Philosophy*

## Course Work

Assignment	Weight	Date
Logic Test	10%	TBA (Very early October)*
Philosophy Test No. 1	20%	Thursday, Dec 1, 2011*
Written Critique	10%	Thursday, Jan 5, 2012*
Philosophy Test No. 2	20%	Thursday, Feb 16, 2012*
Major Essay	20%	Thursday, March 29, 2012
Philosophy Test No. 3	20%	Thursday, April 5, 2012

\*It is anticipated that results for these assignments will be returned prior to the last date for Voluntary Withdrawal.

## Nature of Assignments

**Tests:** All will be written in class. Many questions on the Logic test will be similar to exercises found in the text *A Brief Introduction to Logic*. Questions on the three Philosophy tests will be both discussion-type and multiple-choice based on material presented in lecture and in the text.

**Written Critique:** A short essay (6 to 8 pages, typewritten) on a topic to be assigned.

**Major Essay:** A longer essay (8 to 12 pages, typewritten). There will be a choice of topics.

Marks for essays and critiques will be influenced both by philosophical content and by writing skills, and you can expect to receive comments on both. Significant weight will be given to clear, concise and logically structured arguments. Expect a minimum combined word count for essays of approximately 3000 words.

## Frequently Asked Questions

1. *What happens if I hand in an essay late?* Essays and critiques handed in after the announced due dates lose 5 points. Each week the paper is late reduces the mark by an *additional* 5 points up to a maximum of 20 points.
2. *What are the absolute final deadlines on papers?* No essay or critique will be accepted for credit later than Thursday, April 12, 2012.
3. *Must essays and critiques be typed?* Essays and critiques must be typewritten. *Untyped papers lose 5 points.*
4. *Is the course graded on a curve?* The Philosophy department restricts the percentage of allowable As, Bs, Cs, etc. Final marks in all sections of Philosophy 120 are subject to review by the departmental Vetting Committee.
5. *What is your policy on plagiarism?* Read the sections in the University General Calendar entitled 'plagiarism and cheating' and 'examination impersonation'. This topic will be discussed more fully when the essay assignments are handed out.
6. *How do I get notes if I miss a class?* You should make an arrangement with another student to get a copy of the class notes. Because of the large number of students who occasionally miss classes, there is no practical way for professor Warmbrod to supply notes for missed classes. However, you *should* come to Prof. Warmbrod if you need to discuss what is in the notes.