Instructor: Dr. Ben Grier
Office hours:
- MW: 11am-12pm via the D2L Pager function & TR: 2-3pm via Zoom or by appointment. (Zoom link will be provided soon.)
- By appointment via the D2L Chat function.

Course Description:
The course is designed to introduce students to the field of philosophy through the examination of prominent philosophical problems, topics, and theories. Through a variety of readings and discussions, students will develop critical thinking skills, learn how to construct and evaluate arguments, and engage with the ideas of historic and contemporary philosophers. Course content will focus on themes such as the nature of reality, the justification of moral judgments, the nature of personal identity, and the limits of human knowledge. Students will be expected to engage with the material outside of class through assignments and readings, which will be posted on the D2L website.

Course Requirements:
- **Grading:** 90-100: A; 80-89: B; 70-79: C; 60-69: D; 0-59: F

Due Date:
- September 6-September 24: Lecture and textbook reading assignment on Epistemology.
- September 27-October 18: Lecture and textbook reading assignment on Ethics.
- October 5-November 3: Lecture and textbook reading assignment on Mind and Body.
- November 5-November 23: Lecture and textbook reading assignment on Epistemology.
- December 6-December 10: Final Exam

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Text:

- Course readings will be provided through the D2L website.

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE:

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**Reasons for Academic Dishonesty:**
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