

| Introduction to Philosophy Lecture Outlines |
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The unexamined life is not worth living.
~Socrates

Living, naturally, is never easy.
~ Albert Camus

You are sheep among wolves; be wise as serpents and innocent as
doves.
~ Jesus of Nazareth

Work like a peasant and think like a philosopher.
~ Jean-Jacques Rousseau

The point is not always to speculate, but also ultimately to think
about applying our knowledge. Today, however, she who lives in
conformity with what she teaches is taken for a dreamer.
~ Immanuel Kant, *Lectures on the Philosophical Encyclopedia*

What place shall the philosopher occupy within the city? That of a
sculptor of people.
~ Simplicius, *Commentary on the Manual of Epictetus*

Writing their *Laws* and *Politics* . . . was the least philosophical and
serious part of [Plato and Aristotle's] lives; the most philosophical
part was living simply and quietly.
~ Blaise Pascal, *Pensée* no. 331

Nowadays, there are philosophy professors, but no philosophers.
~ Henry David Thoreau, *Walden*

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PH 102 Introduction to Philosophy | Heraclitus

- *What is change? Is it really real?*
- *Is there a pattern or order despite this change? The Logos.*
- *Harmony of opposites.*

- *What is being? Is there such a thing?*
- *The difference between appearance and reality.*
- *The Way of Seeming and the Way of Truth.*

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- *The unexamined life is not worth living.*
- *Tend to your soul. Getting the three parts in order.*
- *No one does wickedness voluntarily. The problem of ignorance.*

- *Virtue is knowledge, vice is ignorance. The four Greek virtues.*

- *The difference between sophists and the philosopher.*

- *Knowledge versus opinion. The allegory of the cave and stages of cognition.*

- *The body is a prison. (e.g., gratification versus pleasure)*

- *Immortality of the soul.*

- *Don't fear death; it could be blessed.*

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PH 102 Introduction to Philosophy | Epicurus

- *The good life is hedonism (hēdonē).*
- *A human being's end is happiness. What is happiness? Stability of pleasure.*
- *Pleasure is a lack of pain. Pain comes through false beliefs.*
- *The fourfold remedy.*

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PH 102 Introduction to Philosophy | Seneca

- *The good life is natural living.*
- *Happiness is tranquility of mind. Misery is dis-ease.*
- *Fix your evaluative judgments.*
- *Take time for leisure to reflect. Past, present, and future.*

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PH 102 Introduction to Philosophy | Niccolò Machiavelli

- *Virtù vs. fortuna.*
- *Duplicity in politics.*
- *“Economy of violence”—when the means accuse, the end must excuse*
- *The lion and the fox.*

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PH 102 Introduction to Philosophy | René Descartes

- *Knowledge (scientia) vs. opinion (opinio) [Plato = episteme vs. doxa]*
- *What counts as knowledge.*
- *Begin with that which cannot be doubted. Cogito ergo sum.*
- *I am a thinking thing ... with a body.*

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- *We're innocent until ruined by society. The state of nature: amour de soi-même vs. amour-propre.*
- *We are born free, but are everywhere in chains. Society as "ce vaste desert."*
- *"Obedience to the law which we impose on ourselves is what constitutes freedom. volonté générale vs. le volonté de tous*
- *"Government is not made for the nation, but the nation for the government."*

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PH 102 Introduction to Philosophy | Immanuel Kant

- *Morality cannot depend on interests, goals, or consequences.*
- *Morality is based on reasoned duties (δέον).*
- *The Categorical Imperative. Not hypothetical.*
- *Two formulations of the Categorical Imperative.*

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PH 102 Introduction to Philosophy | John Stuart Mill

- *All pursue happiness.*
- *What is right and wrong should be depend on what is useful (utility) for goals.*
- *Utilitarianism: maximize happiness.*
- *“It is better to be a dissatisfied human being than a satisfied pig and better to be a dissatisfied Socrates than a satisfied fool” — distinguishing between base and noble pleasures.*

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PH 102 Introduction to Philosophy | Jean-Paul Sartre

- *Existence precedes essence.*
- *“We are condemned to be free.”*
- *Anxiety, anguish, forlornness.*
- *At its core, freedom is negative: “No!”*