

Introduction to Philosophy (English Immersion Class)

Instructor: Benn Johnson

English Level: Advanced

Dates: Wednesdays, 13:10-14:10

Description:

This class is intended to model a class from a US university, and will be conducted in English. It is intended for students who are planning to study abroad soon, or who have returned from study abroad and would like to continue learning English through immersion. The topic of this class is philosophy, and will include topics from the history of European and American philosophy. The class will include the main parts of a normal university class in the United States, including lecture, discussion, reading, and a writing assignment.

This class is not only a great chance to learn more about philosophy, but also to develop new vocabulary and communication skills.

Schedule:

1. Vocabulary: what is philosophy?
2. History of philosophy: Ancient philosophy–Plato
3. Assignment: Writing a philosophy essay
4. History of philosophy: Ancient Philosophy–Daoism
5. History of philosophy: Modern philosophy–Descartes
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6. History of philosophy: Modern philosophy–Locke
7. Ethics: Utilitarianism and Virtue Ethics
8. Ethics: Environmental Ethics
9. Social Critique: Marx
10. Social Critique: de Beauvoir

