

**Philosophy H101: Introduction to Philosophy**  
Winter 2009

**General information**

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**Course description**

We will get a sense of what philosophy is by doing some. We will consider at least the following three topics: (i) the existence of God, (ii) the relation between mind and body, and (iii) free will. Throughout, we will be concerned with presenting and evaluating arguments for, or against, various views.

**Required text**

Earl Conee and Theodore Sider, *Riddles of Existence: A Guided Tour of Metaphysics* (Oxford: Clarendon, 2005).

Other materials will be made available as necessary.

**Course requirements**

First assignment	16.66%
Second assignment	16.66%
Third assignment	33.33%
Fourth assignment	33.33%

You will have at least a week to complete each assignment. You may rewrite any assignment before the end of the quarter, **provided that you hand it in with a copy of my comments on the previous version.**

## **Disabilities**

Students who might need accommodations are encouraged to contact me and the Office for Disability Services (150 Pomerene Hall, 292-3307).

## **Academic misconduct**

Academic misconduct is a serious offense. You are responsible for knowing what counts as academic misconduct. You might want to consult the Code of Student Conduct or the Committee on Academic Misconduct:

[http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource\\_csc.asp](http://studentaffairs.osu.edu/resource_csc.asp)

and

<http://oaa.osu.edu/coam/home.html>.

## **Outline**

A detailed and updated outline will be posted on the course webpage.