

Course Expectations Letter

Subject: Philosophy/Political Science

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Catalog Course Description:

This introductory level course introduces students interested in the humanities, law, medicine, politics, social science and related fields to some of the most profound moral and ethical questions in the Western philosophical tradition. We will examine the foundations of ethics, and consider application to contemporary moral concerns.

Student Learning Outcomes:

1. Given prior instruction in Social Contract theory, the student will describe the basic assumptions behind the theory and explain how it provides justification for the State.
2. Given prior instruction on a topic of philosophical interest, the student will demonstrate the ability to formulate and defend a philosophical position by clearly articulating a thesis statement, and providing supporting points.
3. Given an essay, chapter, or other philosophical text, the student will demonstrate understanding of the key ideas by accurately identifying the main point and some key supporting points.
4. The student will articulate the basic elements of at least 1 theory of justice.
5. The student will apply a given political theory to a topic of contemporary interest.

By logging into Canvas you affirm that you are the student who enrolled in the course(s) and are the person who will complete the assigned work. Furthermore, you agree to follow the regulations regarding academic integrity, personal identification and the use of student information as described in [BP 5500 \(Standards of Conduct\)](#) and [AP 5520 \(Student Conduct Procedures\)](#) which are the Rio Hondo College student conduct codes that govern student rights and responsibilities. You acknowledge that failure to abide by the regulations set forth in BP 5500 and AP 5520 may result in disciplinary action, including expulsion from the college.

This is **NOT** a self-paced course. There are firm deadlines in this class. There are assignments due on a regular basis. Please plan your time carefully!

Textbook: Please consult the Bookstore for information at (562) 463-7345 or go to [Rio Hondo College Online Bookstore](#)

This course will include regular instructor student contact. Methods of regular instructor student contact include:

- Timely e-mail response (generally, within 24 hours, excluding weekends or special circumstances).
- Video/Audio-recorded lectures.
- Regular course announcements and updates.
- Timely feedback on quizzes and exams
- Timely feedback and interaction via the course discussion board.
- On-campus office hour visits, as needed.

The instructor may drop you for non-participation.

There will be a one to three business day delay after an add code is used before a student may be able to log on to Canvas.

For students new to online classes, it is highly recommended that you take the Online Orientation through our Online Education website. This will help explain what online classes are like and familiarize you with how the class is laid out. The orientation can be found at: <http://www.riohondo.edu/canvas-orientation/>

Email Responses: Instructors will make every attempt to respond to students in a timely fashion. Responses can take up to 48 hours before a response is received, excluding weekends and holidays.

Disability: A Student with a verified disability may be entitled to appropriate academic accommodations. Please contact your instructor and/or the [Disabled Students & Programs](#) office at 562-908-3420 for more information.

Modifications and Disclaimer: The instructor reserves the right to modify the content of the course or any course procedure. It is the responsibility of the student to keep apprised of all changes. If the student wishes to drop the class he/she is responsible for initiating the drop. Do not take it for granted that you will be dropped. If you stop working and do not drop the course, you may get an undesirable grade.