

## Learning Guide Unit 1

## Overview

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### Unit 1: Welcome to Philosophy!

This Course traces the origins of Philosophical thinking from across the globe. The better-known “greats” of Philosophical discourse and thought, Socrates and Plato from Ancient Greece, for example, will be covered as a lily pad from which to launch ourselves into meaningful learning about Philosophical minds and considerations from every continent from the past through modern times. This course will challenge you with the questions mankind has toiled with for centuries. You will be engaged with your peers and professor on a near-constant basis in round-table conversations in the classroom Discussion Forum based on the Course Materials and your personal experiences.

### Topics:

- Pragmatism
  - Positivism
  - Realism
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### Learning Objectives:

By the end of this Unit, you will be able to...

1. Acquire meaningful understanding about the origins of Philosophy from the perspective of the three main topic areas
  2. Examine the role these schools of Philosophy play in your history and everyday life
  3. Discuss the importance of these schools from a historical and personal context
  4. Recognize the value of these schools as tools available to assist in actualizing a fulfilling life
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### Tasks:

- Read the Learning Guide and Reading Assignments
- Participate in the Discussion Forum (post, comment, and rate)
- Complete and submit the Written Assignment
- Make entries to the Learning Journal
- Take and submit the Self-Quiz