

**Phil 140 (        ), 3 credits, Semester:**

# **The Examined Life**

Instructor:

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## **Catalog Description**

This course teaches students to identify and evaluate those beliefs that guide their thoughts and actions. Reflecting on different sources, students identify those philosophical beliefs that play a role in their own lives. By developing their critical thinking skills, they learn how to clarify, systematize, and assess these beliefs.

## **Discipline Specific Learning Outcomes**

Upon completing this course, students will be able to (i) identify their latent beliefs about fundamental aspects of life, (ii) interpret readings ranging from newspaper articles to literary and philosophical texts, as well as artworks and movies, (iii) define fundamental philosophical ideas and concepts, (iv) compare different fundamental beliefs about a range of philosophical topics, (v) develop their own beliefs in a systematic way, and (vi) evaluate their own and others' beliefs.

## **General Education Information**

Successfully completing this course satisfies one Tier 1 Language, Literary, and Cultural Studies requirement. It teaches the following two University-wide Learning Goals: (1) Critical Thinking and Problem Solving, (2) Written Communication. For further information about the General Education Program see <http://www.njcu.edu/cas/general-education/>.

## NJCU Policies

- **Student Responsibility:** This syllabus outlines the required text, assignments, requirements, and policies for this course. By taking this course, you agree to read this syllabus and be bound by those requirements and policies.
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