Bemidji State University

PHIL 4490: Close Readings in Philosophy

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 1, 2, 3
Lecture Hours/Week: 0
Lab Hours/Week: 0
OJT Hours/Week: *
Prerequisites: None
Corequisites: None
MnTC Goals: None

In this course students will practice a close reading of a single text over the course of the semester. We will pay very close attention to the author's strategic choice of vocabulary. We will become attentive to the thinkers to whom the philosopher responds, as well as the historical and philosophical influences that shape the ideas presented in the text. We will move slowly through each paragraph, thinking carefully about the practical implications of each element of the theory in question, as well as the theory as a whole. Topics will vary from semester to semester.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 01/13/2019 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Close readings of classic and contemporary works in philosophy. Topics will vary from semester from semester.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Students will engage in close, informed and charitable reading of philosophical texts.
2. Students will write careful, informed and logical texts.
3. Students will recognize and articulate the ramifications of philosophical theories for addressing specific cultural problems.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted