

Philosophy 150: **PHILOSOPHY IN THE CINEMA**—Hybrid (5 Credits)

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**Contact Info:**

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**Requirements:**

- In order to reach the course goals I have assigned films for us to watch together in class, and will have you read philosophical essays **before** watching the films that raise some of the issues discussed in the writings. You will have to photocopy some of the reading assignments which will be on reserve in the library and others will be available on the internet. Links to the essays will be provided in the weekly entries to the website.
- This course is being presented in Hybrid format. This means that part of the course will involve the internet. Each week, you will download an audio file which will consist of a 50 minute lecture on the readings for that week. Go to the course website for instructions on how to do this. Each lecture will cover the material you are to have read by the next class.
- In order to ensure that you are in fact listening to the podcast lectures, I will be giving you at least one assignment to work on in each podcast. These will be graded on a scale of 0,  $\sqrt{-}$ ,  $\sqrt{}$ ,  $\sqrt{+}$ . Other than “0”, all will receive the same credit. Together they are worth a total of 60 points. You may miss two assignments without any penalty, but if you miss three or four you will only get 30 points, and if you miss more than four assignments you will not receive any credit for these assignments. **Some podcasts contain more than one assignment.**
- At the end of class each week I will assign a question which will ask you to write about the movie in relation to the essays you’ve read for that day and which will be turned in during the next class meeting. Your answers should be about one page in length (approximately 350 words) and I will give you 0-20 points for your work, depending on its quality. **You must write on one before the first exam and one in the second half of the course.** You will not be able to write on more than two of these questions.
- There will also be 4 short in-class written assignments which will be worth a total of 40 points. (10 points each.) These will be assigned at various times during the quarter.
- Two exams, each of which will have two parts: 30 multiple choice questions (30 points), and two essay questions (50 points for each essay). For important information on the exams, see the Exam Guidelines handout which is available on the course website.

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<sup>1</sup> Email is my preferred method of communication. Neither my voicemail nor email will be checked on weekends, holidays, or when I am on leave.

- A term paper which will be worth 100 points. (See Term Paper Guidelines handout.)

<b>Course Grade Breakdown:</b>	<b>Percentage Weight</b>	<b>Points</b>
• Podcast assignments:	12%	60
• Short Essays (2 x 20 points):	8%	40
• In-class assignments (4 x 10 points):	8%	40
• Exam 1: 30 Multiple Choice Questions	6%	30
Essay Questions (2 x 50 points)	20%	100
• Exam 2: 30 Multiple Choice Questions	6%	30
Essay Questions (2 x 50 points)	20%	100
• Term Paper:	20%	100
<b>TOTAL:</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>500</b>

### **Statement of Disability Accommodation:**

If you need course adaptations or accommodations because of a disability, if you have emergency medical information to share with me, or if you need special arrangements in case the building must be evacuated, please talk to me today, or make an appointment to see me soon.

### **Mental Health Statement:**

The article “Mental Health Needs Seen Growing at Colleges,” (NY Times, Dec. 19, 2010, written by Trip Gabriel) stated that: “Forty-six percent of college students said they felt “things were hopeless” at least once in the previous 12 months, and nearly a third had been so depressed that it was difficult to function, according to a 2009 survey by the American College Health Association.” If you find yourself feeling that things are hopeless, please know that things are never hopeless and I am glad to talk to you. We also have professional counselors employed at the college who are there to serve all students. They are located on the third floor of Parks and can be contacted by phone: 425.388.9263 or email: [counseling@everettcc.edu](mailto:counseling@everettcc.edu).

### **Grading Scales:**

<b>Max Pts:</b>	10	20	30	50
A	9-10	18-20	27-30	45-50
B	8	16-17	24-26	40-44
C	7	14-15	21-23	35-39
D	6	12-13	18-20	30-34
E	0-5	0-11	0-17	0-29