



*Introduction to Philosophy*

*Phil 10-01, -04*

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*online*

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-01 Meets synchronously Mondays 9-10:15am; this is a hybrid course so we will meet asynchronously for discussion and other activities once a week TBA

-04 Meets synchronously Wednesdays 10:30-11:45am; as above this is a hybrid course so we will meet asynchronously TBA

*Required Text:*

Robert C. Solomon, Higgins and Martin; *Introducing Philosophy*, 11<sup>th</sup> ed., New York: Oxford  
(Note: there is a 12<sup>th</sup> ed. but the 11<sup>th</sup> should still be available)

Philosophy begins with questioning. Unlike the photo above (taken by your Professor) little is just neatly a black or white tile, rather it is shades of grey. What is justice? How do we do what is just? What is right or wrong? Are there even standards one can rely on? Do humans even understand what or how reality is? This course will undertake these questions from a historical perspective, examining answers from Ancient Greece to the Asian Sages all the way up to the modern period. As with any course of this breath, some amount of editing will occur. The text offers many excerpts from classic works that will be considered. The instructor will also supply several online texts to consider; for example, Plato's *Apology*, the defense of Socrates.