

# PHIL10 Introduction to Philosophy

Sections 80 & 81 Online Class  
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This course presents an introduction to philosophy through examining (1) how to do philosophy and (2) how to look at a range of perennial philosophical issues in major areas of philosophy. We take a cross-tradition comparative approach by examining relevant resources from different philosophical traditions (primarily, Western and Chinese two major philosophical traditions), instead of Western tradition only. The course has two major objectives: (1) to develop the capacity to think critically, to look at things in a broad and dynamic way, and to apply philosophical methods to treat significant issues and concerns; (2) to appreciate various distinct philosophical insights, visions, points of views, their arguments and their historical and/or cultural contexts where they developed so as to construct one's own philosophical world view.

## Textbooks:

- *The Course Reader: Introduction to Philosophy—A Cross-Tradition Engaging Approach* [CR]. [Available at the class website.]
- *Doing Philosophy: From Common Curiosity to Logical Reasoning*, by Timothy Williamson (Oxford University Press, 2018). [DP]

## Course Format

All the regular class communications and required class activities (such as class discussion) will be made fully online (via the class website at SJSU eCampus, with the email account as a back-up means whenever in need) without requiring in-person meetings at physical locations on SJSU campus; however, the instructor will arrange office hours on campus for those in need of face-to-face consultation.