Course Information

Welcome to PHIL202: Philosophy of Science. Below, please find general information on this course and its requirements.

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Primary Resources: This course is composed of a range of different free, online materials. However, the course makes primary use of the following materials:
- Lyle Zynda’s Lecture Notes from Introduction to the Philosophy of Science (Princeton University, 1994)
- Henry Folse’s Lecture Notes in Philosophy (Loyola University, New Orleans)
- Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
- John Norton’s A Survey of Inductive Generalization

Requirements for Completion: In order to complete this course, you will need to work through each unit and all of its assigned materials.

In order to pass this course, you will need to earn a 70% or higher on the Final Exam. Your score on the exam will be tabulated as soon as you complete it. If you do not pass the exam, you may take it again.

Time Commitment: This course should take you a total of approximately 93 hours to complete. Each unit includes a “time advisory” that lists the amount of time you are expected to spend on each subunit.

Tips/Suggestions: Reading philosophy is not like reading literature or history. Comprehending what you read often will require re-reading material. For this reason, you might consider actively taking notes as you read (or as you re-read), attempting to summarize, in your own words, key ideas and arguments. Often, it will be helpful to attempt to formulate the main theses being conveyed by each reading, secondary ideas and theses that explain or support that thesis, and the way in which the ideas and theses hang together to form a coherent whole. Pay special attention to explicit definitions of technical terms and examples that illustrate the meaning of these terms. Also take the time to look up words with which you are unfamiliar.