**Philosophy Course Itinerary**

**PARTICIPATION: 25% of your grade will be awarded for fully participating in discussions and activities. This entails being present with the group and not on phones, working on other subjects, or disengaged. There will many class discussions, so if you like class discussions you're in the right place. Every day you'll receive full, partial, or no credit in this area.**

**WRITING: 25% of your grade will be based upon your 50 reflective journal and related writing assignments. You can either write the journal prompt, or write on the video of the day. If you are absent, consult the Moodle page, watch the end of class videos and complete the writing. This will be compiled in a binder and graded all at once at the end of class. This allows you to reflect and write when you're feeling it.**

**EXAMS:  25% will be based upon the exams at the end of each unit. These are essay-style and some may be take-home.**

**FINAL: 25% of your grade will be based on your score on the Final Examination.**

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***Materials you will need for class everyday:***  
1) A reflective journal to write in.

2) A 2” ringed binder to compile lessons.   
  
3) Class Moodle page contains what will be taught daily in this class and can be found at: <https://moodle.oakland.k12.mi.us/clarenceville/course/view.php?id=271>. This link should be bookmarked. It is used daily and frequent visits and checks will ensure success.   
  
***Class Itinerary:***

Unit 1: **“KNOW THYSELF**"- *What is the genuine you?*

Unit 2: **EPISTEMOLOGY-** *Why do you think how you think?*

Unit 3: **AESTHETICS-** *What is beautiful? What is art?*

Unit 4: **ETHICS-** *What are the right and wrong actions to do and why?*

Unit 5: **LOGIC-** *What are the formal principles of reasoning?*

Unit 6: **METAPHYSICS-** *What is the nature of being and beings, existence, time and space, and causality?*

***Points of Emphasis:***

This is a class that is focused on how to think, not what to think. Therefore, participation by contributing your thoughts is of the utmost importance.

Philosophy can be controversial and cause people to be emotive. In light of this, respecting different viewpoints is paramount. Also, in a class discussion-oriented class, we can’t have hogs, or people who monopolize all the conversation. We also can’t have logs, who sit back and say nothing. All voices need to be heard and respected

Philosophy is often taught at the college level and certain tasks will be more in line with a college course, than high school. Be prepared for readings, and discussions that will challenge and push you.