

Minnesota State University Moorhead

PHIL 407: Theory of Knowledge

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

Credits: 3

Lecture Hours/Week: 3

Lab Hours/Week: 0

OJT Hours/Week: *.*

Prerequisites: None

Corequisites: None

MnTC Goals: None

Study of basic problems of theory of knowledge (epistemology) and discussion of contemporary epistemological theories. Topics will include the analysis of knowledge, epistemic justification, foundationalism, coherentism, reliabilism, traditional versus naturalistic epistemology, and skepticism. Course requires an oral presentation. Students should have taken at least two courses in philosophy or obtain the consent of the instructor.

B. COURSE EFFECTIVE DATES: 02/20/2001 - Present

C. OUTLINE OF MAJOR CONTENT AREAS

1. Epistemic justification.
2. Foundationalism.
3. Coherentism.
4. Reliabilism.
5. Naturalized epistemology.
6. Skepticism.

D. LEARNING OUTCOMES (General)

1. Explain core ideas in contemporary epistemology.
2. Critically evaluate positions in contemporary epistemology.
3. Read and understand philosophical texts on major content areas.
4. Engage in original philosophical research on a major content area.
5. Engage in philosophical discussion.
6. Make an oral presentation of research.

E. Minnesota Transfer Curriculum Goal Area(s) and Competencies

None

F. LEARNER OUTCOMES ASSESSMENT

As noted on course syllabus

G. SPECIAL INFORMATION

None noted