
PHILOSOPHY

ORIGINS OF WESTERN PHILOSOPHY 20

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Origins of Western Philosophy 20 are:

1. to understand the gradual unfolding of Western philosophical thought
2. to appreciate the new approaches and accomplishments of early Western philosophies
3. to analyze the philosophical concepts, and to be aware of their implications
4. to compare and evaluate various early Western philosophical thoughts and systems
5. to apply the presented concepts, and to use them in developing one's own philosophical thinking.

CONTENT

- 1.* What philosophy is
- 2.* The need for philosophy
3. Transition from mythological understanding to philosophical reflection
4. Search for an ultimate element
5. Search for a principle of order and harmony
6. The problem of identity and change
7. Shift of interest from physical speculation toward human life
8. Plato's world of ideas
9. The Aristotelian universe

CONTEMPORARY WESTERN PHILOSOPHY 20

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Contemporary Western Philosophy 20 are:

1. to identify the basic problems of philosophy
2. to appreciate the importance of reason and critical thinking in philosophical inquiry
3. to analyze major contemporary philosophies to determine their position on basic philosophical questions
4. to appreciate a systematic approach to the major philosophical questions
5. to compare major contemporary Western philosophies.

CONTENT

- 1.* What philosophy is
- 2.* The need for philosophy
3. The historical roots of contemporary philosophy
4. Systematic approaches to the traditional problems of philosophy
5. Expressions of a major philosophy
6. Analysis of a major philosophy
7. The value of a philosophy as a basis for an individual's philosophy

PHILOSOPHIES OF MAN 30

OBJECTIVES

The objectives of Philosophies of Man 30 are:

1. to develop the process of critical examination
2. to integrate or orient oneself toward the various phases of human experience
3. to open up the wide range of problems and deal with vital questions of human interest
4. to appreciate the attempts of great philosophers to provide coherent and consistent answers to fundamental questions
5. to think about the basic foundations of one's outlook, knowledge and beliefs
6. to understand that "Man has the ability to examine his life; without that he is nothing."

CONTENT

- 1.* What philosophy is
- 2.* The need for philosophy
3. The nature of man
4. How free is man
5. Man and man (political philosophy)

* These two topics appear as a common introduction to each of the 3-credit courses in philosophy. They may be omitted for students who have already taken one of the philosophy courses.