



Stories We Tell

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COURSES

College Connections

SCAN 199

1 credit

Text and Interpretation

SCAN 251

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Global Perspectives (>GP)

4 credits

Human Nature

PHIL 101 - WEB Course

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4 credits

CALENDAR

First FIG Meeting

You will get to meet your FIG classmates, FIG Assistant (FA), and Faculty before classes start!

Check your FIG page in September to find out more details.

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ABOUT THIS FIG

College Connections

This FIG addresses the relationship between philosophical narratives about human nature and the way that a culture produces a variety of fictional narratives that interact with its philosophical suppositions. This course is also designed to help facilitate students' transitions to university life. This classroom will become a forum where you can discuss any questions that you have regarding your university education.

Text and Interpretation

This class is about stories. It is about how we tell them, what they mean to us, and how narrative permeates the very fabric of our understanding of the world. Considering this and remembering that our "universe" of stories includes narratives that we have been told, have read, and have told ourselves; we can safely say that we are not the authors of our entire sense of the world. This raises several interesting questions about the relationship between the "self" and the "other." Some of these questions include: Are our stories our own? Who speaks for us? How do I know who I am? What obligation, if any, do I have towards others? To what extent are we determined by history?

Philosophical Problems

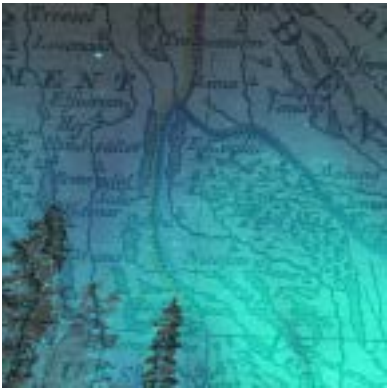
Our attempts to make sense of our lives and to find meaning in our existence lead us to ask certain classic philosophical questions. The course begins with the question of the proper role of reason in a life intelligently lived. Is philosophical thinking a necessary and important part of life? Second, we ask what role religion should play for a philosophically reflective person. This leads into questions about whether existence is absurd, without purpose or reason, or whether there is some overarching rationality and direction to our lives. Finally, we examine some of the many conditions that together define our identities as persons, conditions like our biological makeup, social narratives, cultural values, gender, and race. In other words, the key questions are 'Who are you?' and 'What makes you who you are?'

NEXT STEPS

After you're registered for your FIG, you will want to check out the Meet Your FIG page (<https://fyp.uoregon.edu/fall-2020-figs>). This page will have everything you need to know before the beginning of fall term, including how to email your FIG Assistant, if you have a summer assignment, and when you will be meeting your FIG for the first time in September. In order to prepare for your coursework and be notified about important academic deadlines you will want to download the "Canvas" and "Navigate" apps to your phone or any device you will be using. If you have questions about anything, make sure you email your FIG Assistant – they are here to help!



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	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
9AM					
10AM					
11AM					PHIL 101 15393 LA 115 11:00am-12:00pm
12PM	SCAN 251 15947 COL 150 12:15pm-1:45pm		SCAN 251 15947 COL 150 12:15pm-1:45pm		
1PM					
2PM			SCAN 199 15946 MCK 240C 2:00pm-3:00pm		
KEY	Your FIG College Connections Class. Meet once a week with 20 peers, Faculty, and FIG Assistant (FA).		The lecture courses associated with your FIG.		Your discussion or lab section for lecture courses.

This FIG has an asynchronous remote class (which appears on the UO class schedule as “WEB”) that does not appear on this schedule. You are enrolled in all of the FIG classes, and can see them when you log on to Duckweb.

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