

Hi everyone.

Welcome to Philosophical Perspectives, our introduction to philosophy course.

This course will be 8 weeks in length and will require a couple of hours of work per day, about 15 hours per week.

Most of this work (reading, online lecture material, etc.) will allow you to move at your own pace although there will be set due dates for weekly assignments and a few points in the semester where you and I will meet one-on-one for specific assessments (we can easily work around your schedule for those).

This is going to be an exciting and challenging course that will introduce you to some of the major debates that arise in philosophy, but it will also help you develop your critical thinking and writing skills along the way.

There is **one required** textbook for this course:

William F. Lawhead, *The Philosophical Journey: An Interactive Approach*, **8<sup>th</sup> edition** (McGraw-Hill) (ISBN-13: 9781260836967).

Copies of the textbook should be available via the Marist University Bookstore.

If you prefer, however, you can use an e-book version of the text. Just make sure that you acquire the correct **8<sup>th</sup> edition** as opposed to an older edition.

Once the course begins, I will be on Zoom every Tuesday from 7:00-8:00PM (Poughkeepsie time) for “virtual office hours” in case you have any questions about the material, etc.

I’ll send around a Zoom link for those “office hours” once the semester gets underway.

I also check my email a thousand times a day. My email address is [joseph.campisi@marist.edu](mailto:joseph.campisi@marist.edu).

I am looking forward to getting to know you this semester.

Don't hesitate to contact me with any questions that you may have.

Cheers,

Prof. Campisi