

**Kawartha Pine Ridge District School Board
Cobourg District Collegiate Institute West
Social Science and Humanities**

**Philosophy, HZT 4U1
Course Overview**

This course addresses three (or more) of the main areas of philosophy: metaphysics, logic, epistemology, ethics, social and political philosophy, and aesthetics. Students will learn critical-thinking skills, the main ideas expressed by philosophers from a variety of traditions, how to develop and explain their own philosophical ideas, and how to apply those ideas to contemporary social issues and personal experiences. The course will also help students refine skills used in researching and investigating topics in philosophy.

The curriculum expectations of this course are organized into strands. The specific expectations have been grouped into the following units of study:

Introduction to Philosophical Inquiry
Ethics

Epistemology
Metaphysics
Independent Study

Assessment and Evaluation/Mark Allocation:

Term work will cover the four major strands including: Knowledge and Understanding; Thinking and Inquiry; Communication; and Application. These marks will make up 70% of the student's final mark. The final 30% will come from cumulative projects and final exams. Assessments will take many forms, such as oral presentations, homework checks, group projects, debates, written tests, research projects, etc.

Late Policy

Assignments are due on the day set forth by the teacher of the course. Late assignments may be accepted by a teacher at their own discretion and due to extenuating circumstances. If accepted there will be NO deduction of marks. Late assignments will be marked in the same way on-time assignments were marked.

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is using someone else's work and passing it off as your own. In doing research, you will be consulting the work of others and using their ideas in your own work. Research honesty demands that when you want to quote directly, or you want to use another person's idea, you must give credit by citing the original source. Copying or simply rewriting without acknowledging the source constitutes

plagiarism. Academic dishonesty, which includes submitting the same piece of work to different courses is also not acceptable. All plagiarised work will be given the mark of zero.

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