Basic Philosophical Questions
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Course Description:

What does it mean when we say “knowledge”? What is a just action in everyday life and, more importantly, what is a just political action? What is a well established society, and what is a good life? Questions like this have haunted not only people like us, but also philosophers for centuries. Philosophical works not only offer possible solutions, but more importantly, ways of thinking through which we can approach such questions ourselves.

Course Objectives:

Through the reading of assigned texts, students will learn close reading and how to abstract arguments from texts with different rhetoric styles. They will also become familiar with some typical approaches towards philosophical topics in history.

Texts for the course:

7. Citations from other materials will be presented on blackboard.

Requirements:

1. Homework.
2. Reading Quizzes.
3. Papers.
4. Exams (Midterm and Final).
5. Attendance, participation, and extras.