Class Description: Welcome to Online Philosophy 101. You are receiving this message because you are on the roster for Philosophy 101, Dr. McMahan. If you do not intend to take the course, drop the course as soon as possible so that waiting students can take that spot. The course material will all be posted online. The entire course is provided through the Blackboard course site. The online classroom will be available on Sunday January 4th. You are asked to sign on as soon as possible, see the student Blackboard help area if you are unfamiliar with the sign on procedure. To not be counted as a no-show and dropped from the course, you need to sign in within the first two days (At the latest, Jan 7th, 6pm) and post your very first work which is a pre-orientation' discussion in the Discussion Board Area. COURSE MATERIALS REQUIRED TEXTS:
1. Norman Melchert, The Great Conversation, 6th Edition (You will need this edition and not an earlier one; earlier editions have different page numbers. If you are purchasing the texts online, you will need to expedite the delivery so that you do not fall behind with your reading. 2. Gaarder -Sophies World (any edition)
Assignments will each be open for an indicated time period. The closing time is always 11:30 pm on that date. Your assignments for credit are all available in the Assignment Area. Both writing assignments and quizzes are turned in through the text boxes provided there. Regular assignments are not emailed. Writing assignments can be saved and completed by the expiration date. Once the expiration date is passed you will no longer be able to return to the assignment. The expiration time is when you need to have the assignment submitted not being worked upon. Quizzes are also open for the indicated time period and may be retaken up until the expiration date. Discussion topics are located in the 'Discussion Board' area and should be worked upon during the time period that they are assigned for. These assignments are kept open in case of the need to make late responses. The assignment will always indicate if you are being asked for just your response or also to respond to others. Reading assignments will be provided in the course information area. You will be able to complete the Orientation assignment without the texts if you are in the process of purchasing them. You will not be able to complete assignments and do well in the course without the texts. I will send messages to all students in this Announcement Area. Please explore the website to familiarize yourself with it. You will find the required reading and assignment schedule in the Course Information area., as well as an attached Grade Rubric and requirements. All assignments are restricted to an available date and a deadline. Assignments will include Quizzes (these allow for multiple retakes), discussions in the Discussion Board area, and short writing Assignments which will be posted as quizzes. This allows for you to complete the assignment during the "open" period and not to have to use attachments or a digital drop box to submit the assignments. Be very aware of deadlines. Note that if you are out-of-area and travelling, you still have the responsibility of keeping up with your assignments even if this means finding a wireless connection to plug into. All components of the class will have a timed availability and you will need to complete the assignment before the deadline. Although the Orientation assignment cannot be turned in late, I will allow a student to submit (using emailed submissions) ONE assignment that has been missed or submitted past the deadline, during the course of the semester. There is Final exam for the class that occurs on the scheduled date. You will receive review material and more information closer to exam time. You are responsible for dropping the course after it has begun if you decide that this isn't a good time for you. Please use the class mail to contact me. Note that this is a short term class-meaning that a semester length course is considerably accelerated. Therefore you will need to devote much more time (3X) to the course than if it was regular semester. Philosophy itself demands careful reading and rereading, reflection, and articulation. Please beware that you should plan and organize your time so that you can give your best effort and be conscientious in your work.
Textbook and Access code information, including costs:

Other Course Materials Required:

Initial instructions for beginning of class:

Testing regulations (included proctoring guidelines link):

Course Management System Information:

Student Learning Outcomes:

Useful Links:

Other:

DSPS Information: