Welcome to Fall quarter, and thank you for joining me on an exploration of Philosophy! This page will give you some background information about how this class will be run, as well as provide you with some tips which will enable you have a successful learning experience. Let me first introduce myself: I have been teaching Philosophy and Humanities at COC for twenty years. I was the Dean of Humanities here for 12 years. Previous to that I taught at UC Irvine.
I have a Ph.D. in Philosophy from Claremont Graduate University, my dissertation topic concerned the concept of subjectivity.

Key information about this online class

Fall quarter is always an exciting time as we begin another academic year. I hope that you come to this class with enthusiasm, an open mind, and time carved out of your busy schedule to master the material in this course.

You guys are on the cutting edge! We are using the adopted course management system, Canvas. It will be a bit of a learning experience for myself and for you as we familiarize ourselves with Canvas. The material in this class is the same, we are just changing virtual classrooms. My motto for this semester is patience!

When I'm not teaching I am a professional photographer, I'll link some of my photography for you to see later in the course. I like to hike, bike, swim, and the outdoors in general. I was for many years a long distance runner, running many marathons and ultra-marathons (more than 50 miles), once running a 134 miles in 24 hours and 100 miles in 14 hours.

Course Description

- The syllabus is located under the 'Syllabus' link on the left side of your screen. Read it carefully. It is basically your contract with me for this class. It outlines how this class is run, how it is graded, late policies etc.
- Attendance is mandatory. Each week you must participate as required
- Due dates for quizzes, discussions and writing assignments are listed in the syllabus available first week
• If you are a student who receives accommodations through the campus Disability Resource Center (such as extended time on exams), I am happy to work with you to make sure that you receive an equitable learning environment. Please contact me via an 'Inbox' Canvas email message (Inbox link on the left side of your screen) to make me aware of the situation.

Course Information
This course has regular writing assignments, quizzes, and discussions-all important components to doing philosophy-and a required Final Exam

Textbook information

Computer: You should have regular access to a computer or large tablet device to do the work on this class. While you can access Canvas on your smart phone, it is not an ideal environment to digest the graphics and text for this class, and no matter how agile your thumbs are, you really need a keyboard to do a good job on essays and labs. Use your phone for quick check ins, but make sure you have access to a larger screen for your main class work, and a real keyboard for typing up your labs, discussions and exams.

Textbooks: You will need these in the first days of the course. These are listed on the Syllabus; along with individual assignments. Your Orientation assignments can be completed without the texts but your first quiz and writing assignment #1 require both. If you have not already ordered them, do so immediately.
Sophie's World: A Novel about the History of Philosophy

Author: Jostein Gaarder, Paulette Moller (Translator)
ISBN: 9780374530716
Publication Date: 03/06/2007
Publisher: Farrar, Straus and Giroux

Estimated Student Price (Savings based on Print, New)
Print, new: $14.00
Print, used: $10.50 (25% Savings)
Print, new rental: $9.50 (32% Savings)
Print, used rental: $6.60 (53% Savings)

Student use of this title is Required
Book Detail Main (Right)

**The Great Conversation: A Historical Introduction to Philosophy | Edition: 7**

Author:
Norman Melchert

ISBN:
9780199999651

Publication Date:
01/15/2014

Publisher:
Oxford University Press

Estimated Student Price (Savings based on Print, New)
- Print, new: $96.95
- Print, used: $72.70 (25% Savings)
- Print, new rental: $65.95 (32% Savings)
- Print, used rental: $45.55 (53% Savings)

Student use of this title is Required

Other relevant course information
(Any other general information, waitlist information, or online learning information)

Additional Resources

**Canvas**
The course can be accessed via Canvas at cv.canyons.edu on the first day of the course. Follow the login instructions at the bottom of the screen to log in. Here, you can also access Canvas user guides with helpful tips for navigating and using Canvas. For any Canvas related issues please call the Canvas Student Support line at (661)362-3344 during college business hours, or (877)889-9052 for 24/7 support.

**Distance Learning**
Check out the Distance Learning website for more information on a variety of topics that can help you be a successful online student such as: exam proctoring, learning styles, computer skills, and tips for student success. If this is your first online course, feel free to take our online learning readiness assessment to assess your skills.
The Learning Center (TLC)

The TLC provides FREE tutoring resource to COC students including:

- Face-to-face & ONLINE tutoring
- Testing Center: offers test proctoring services for courses that have required proctored exams
- Study Jam Review Sessions
- Computers with over 300 software programs

For more information visit the TLC Website.

Disabled Students Program & Services (DSPS)

College of the Canyons DSPS provides educational services and access for eligible students with documented disabilities who intend to pursue coursework at COC. A variety of programs and services are available which afford eligible students with disabilities the opportunity to participate fully in all aspects of the college programs and activities through appropriate and reasonable accommodations. For more information on their services visit the Disabled Students Program & Services website.

Online Counseling

The Counseling Department offers appointments online. You can schedule an appointment by visiting the Online Counseling website. Counselors can help you map out a plan to reach your educational goals as well as advise you on course selection and registration.