

## PHIL 150 History of Philosophy

Fall Semester 2009, EVENING, VANCOUVER CENTRE

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Philosophy is the study of fundamental questions about reality, existence, knowledge, ethics, and aesthetics. It explores the nature of being, the nature of reality, and the nature of thought.

The course begins with an examination of the early Greek philosophers, including Thales, Heraclitus, and Parmenides. It then moves on to the works of Plato and Aristotle, who developed some of the most influential philosophical systems in history. The course also covers the work of St. Augustine, St. Anselm, and St. Thomas Aquinas, who developed Christian philosophy. In the modern era, the course examines the work of René Descartes, Baruch Spinoza, and Gottfried Leibniz, among others. The course concludes with an examination of 20th-century philosophy, including the work of Ludwig Wittgenstein, Rudolf Carnap, and Rudolf Bultmann.

### COURSE REQUIREMENTS

• 2-hour weekly lecture

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