

**Assumption University
Theodore Maria School of Arts
Department of General Education
Course Outline 1/2025**

Course: GE 1105 Contemporary Philosophy (equivalent to GE 1102)

Credit: 3

Status: General Education Course / Free Elective

Prerequisite: None

Lecturer: Dr. Nath Narada

Course Description: Development of Eastern and Western philosophy from ancient Greek philosophy to contemporary philosophy, focusing on the influential ideas in the history of mankind and the application in social current circumstances.

Course Objectives: This course aims to enable students to

1. Understand the key concepts of general philosophy,
2. Develop critical thinking skills,
3. Apply philosophical concepts to reflect on life and social issues,
4. Communicate the philosophical arguments appropriately.

Teaching-Learning Activities:

1. Lecture
2. Discussion
3. Assignments

Course Components and Mark Allocation:

Attendance	10%
Quiz	30%
Group Work	30%
Final Examination	30%
Total	100%

On Campus / Online Classroom Requirements:

1. Attendance is expected in all classes. Failure to comply with this rule can result in exclusion from the final examination. Maximum absence is six periods.
2. Class participation is mandatory. Students are expected not only to attend class, but also to participate in the learning activities from the beginning of the semester.

Dress code for attending class and obtaining class attendance: To obtain permission to attend classes and be granted class attendances, students are obligated to comply with the university regulations of uniform and dress code (ref. <https://sa.au.edu/>).

Evaluation:	80 – 100 %	=	A
	78 – 79%	=	A-
	73 – 77 %	=	B+
	70 – 72 %	=	B
	68 – 69 %	=	B-
	63 – 67 %	=	C+
	60 – 62 %	=	C
	58 – 59 %	=	C-
	50 – 57 %	=	D
	Below 50 %	=	W

Required Reading: Digital files / handouts provided by lecturer

Reference:

Hamlyn, D. W. (1990). *History of Western Philosophy*. London: Penguin Books.

Kenny, Anthony. (2006). *A New History of Western Philosophy*. New York: Oxford University Press.

Kleinman, Paul. (2013). *Philosophy 101*. Massachusetts: Adams Media.

Russell, Bertrand. (2004). *History of Western Philosophy*. London: Routledge Press.

Weeks, Marcus, ed. (2021). *Simply Philosophy*. London: Penguin Random House.

Wolff, R. P. (2002). *The Great Works of Philosophy*. New York: Signet Classic.

Study Plan and Schedule	
Week	Topics
1	Course introduction, background and key concepts in general philosophy
2	Ancient philosophy: Presocratic
3	Ancient philosophy: Classic
4	Ancient philosophy: Hellenistic
5	Quiz 1 & group assignment
6	Medieval philosophy: Neoplatonism, Catholicism
7	Modern philosophy: rationalism
8	Modern philosophy: empiricism
9	Quiz 2 & group assignment
10	Modern philosophy: idealism
11	Modern philosophy: pragmatism
12	Quiz 3 & group assignment
13	Applied philosophy and contemporary issues
14	Group presentation
15	Quiz 4 & review
Final Examination Date: October 7th, 2025 Time: 13.00 - 16.00 hrs. Check the updated date from the registrar’s notice. Remarks: September 19th, 2025 is the last day to withdraw with “W”	

LOCATION AND CONTACT INFORMATION	
GENERAL EDUCATION (GE)	
Office Hours:	8.30 a.m. – 16.30 p.m. (Monday – Friday)
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Au VISION 2000

Assumption University of Thailand envisions itself as:

- an international community of scholars,
- enlivened by Christian inspiration,
- engaged in the pursuit of Truth and Knowledge,
- serving human society, especially through the creative use of interdisciplinary approaches and cyber technology.

ENVISIONING Au GRADUATES

Assumption University of Thailand envisions its graduates as:

- healthy and open-minded persons, characterized by personal integrity, an independent mind, and positive thinking,
- professionally competent, willing to exercise responsible leadership for economic progress in a just society,
- able to communicate effectively with people from other nations and to participate in globalization.

AU MISSION

Assumption University, an International Catholic University, is committed to be the light that leads learners and its stakeholders from all parts of the world towards wisdom, Truth, and Christian values and to discover “Treasure Within” themselves. Via effective teaching and research pedagogies of international standards as well as community engagement, the University aims to form individuals to be intellectually competent, morally sound, and spiritually enriching, accountable, righteous, and service-minded citizen, excelling in serving communities comprising of diverse cultures.

Au UNIQUENESS

“An International Catholic University”

Au IDENTITY

- Ethics
- English Proficiency
- Entrepreneurial Spirit

THEODORE MARIA SCHOOL OF ARTS

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VISION AND MISSION

Vision

An international community of business communicators in Thailand

Mission

Theodore Maria School of Arts will ensure that: the School will...

1. Enhance business language skills
2. Promote cultural awareness
3. Foster academic networking
4. Encourage ethical standards and practices

TAGLINE

เติมเต็มศิลปภาษา พัฒนาศาสตร์ธุรกิจ

Language Education, Business Inspiration

ARTS ORGANIZATIONAL CULTURE: More than faculty, we are family

- Open communication
- Mentoring system
- Dedication
- Caring
- Teamwork
- Commitment
- Resource sharing

Core Values

A = Adaptability
 R = Responsibility
 T = Togetherness
 S = Sustainability

Core Competencies

Employability
 Multiculturalism
 Internationalization

Quality Assurance Process

Students should understand and apply the Quality Assurance Process in their study. The Plan-Do-Check-Act Cycle (PDCA) provides an easy but effective approach for problem solving and managing change, ensuring that ideas are appropriately tested before the full implementation. It can be used in all sorts of situations and can be clarified as follows:

Plan: Define the current problem, process, and issue and establish objectives and processes required to deliver the desired results.

Do: Implement the plans and new processes developed.

Check: Monitor and evaluate the implemented process by testing the results against the predetermined objectives.

Act: Apply actions necessary for improvement if the results require changes.

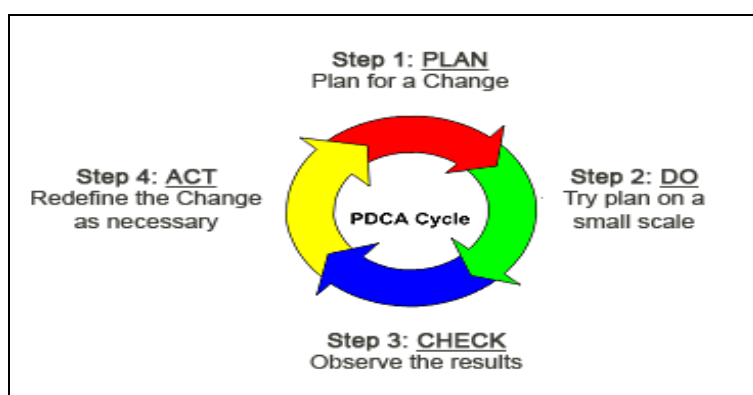


Figure 1: PDCA Cycle (<http://www.swopehealth.org>)

Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a serious academic offence, a serious breach of ethical conduct and is unacceptable student behavior. Students who plagiarize copying words or ideas without acknowledging the original writer of the words or ideas, will face disciplinary action. This will range from receiving an “F” in the subject to university suspension.

THEODORE MARIA SCHOOL OF ARTS
Advising and Counseling 1/2025

All Arts students (Business English, Business French, Business Chinese, Business Japanese, and English - Chinese for Digital Communication) must meet with their advisors before they pre-register for the 2/2025 semester. Students who fail to come for their advising and counseling session will not be allowed to register for 2/2025 during the pre-registration period.

Names of advisors for semester 1/2025 will be posted on the faculty website (www.arts.au.edu), at CL 11 and on the Department Boards at SM Bldg. Arts students are required to check their advisors' names every semester and meet with them before the pre-registration.