

**Assumption University
Theodore Maria School of Arts
Department of General Education
Course Outline 1/2026**

Course: GE 1102 Introduction to Philosophy

Credit: 3

Status: Free Elective Course

Prerequisite: None

Lecturer: Dr. Nath Narada

Course Description: History of Western, Greek, modern, and contemporary philosophy, focusing on metaphysics, epistemology, life value and application

Course Objectives:

- 1) Understand key concepts in general philosophy.
- 2) Apply philosophical perspectives to formulate personal viewpoints.
- 3) Analyze contemporary philosophical arguments.
- 4) Evaluate diverse philosophical perspectives.

Teaching-Learning Activities:

Lecture
Assignments
Discussion

Course Components and Mark Allocation:

Participation	10%
Quizzes	20%
Group Works	45%
Final Examination	<u>25%</u>
Total	<u>100%</u>

Remarks:

Attendance: class attendance and participation are mandatory. Students are expected to participate in discussion and other class activities from the beginning to the end of the course.

Dress code: students are obliged to follow the university regulations of uniform and dress code in attending any classroom and exam rooms (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 and supplementary handouts provided by lecturer

Plato. (2021). *The Republic*. London: Harper Collins Publishers.

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.

Study Plan and Schedule

Week	Topics
1	Course introduction, historical background and key concepts in general philosophy
2	Presocratic philosophy
3	Classical philosophy: Socrates, Plato, Aristotle
4	Hellenistic philosophy: Epicureanism, Stoicism
5	Quiz 1 & Group Discussion 1
6	Medieval philosophy, Renaissance philosophy
7	Modern philosophy: rationalism, empiricism
8	Modern philosophy: idealism, pragmatism
9	Quiz 2 & Group Discussion 2
10	Contemporary ethics: virtue theory, utilitarianism
11	Contemporary ethics: deontology
12	Quiz 3 & Group Discussion 3
13	Social philosophy: political systems, social values
14	Group Presentation: contemporary philosophical issues
15	Quiz 4 & Group Discussion 4, Review
Remarks	The last day to withdraw with a “W” grade is September 18th, 2026 .
Final Exam	- The tentative date of final exam is October 6th, 2026 (13.00-16.00 hrs.) . - Recheck the updated exam date and time from AU Spark during exam period. - The final exam is compulsory as standard comprehensive test, if students do not take final exam, it will result in getting a “W” grade regardless of their marks previously acquired.

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

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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

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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

เต็มเต็มศิลป์ภาษา 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.

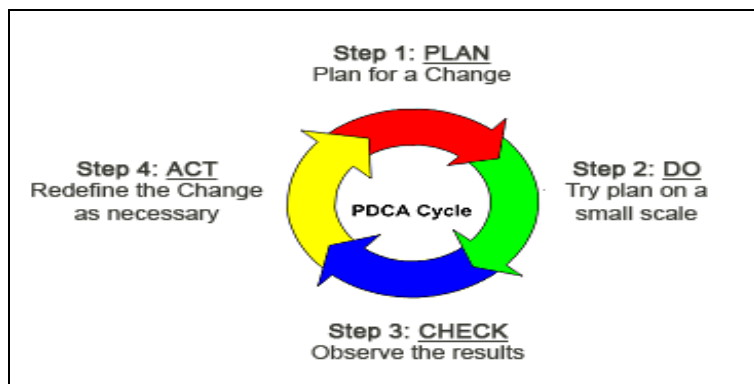


Figure 1: PDCA Cycle (<http://www.swopehealth.org>)

THEODORE MARIA SCHOOL OF ARTS
Advising and Counseling 1/2026

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 2/2026 semester. Students who fail to come for their advising and counseling session will not be allowed to register for 2/2026 during the pre-registration period.

Names of advisors for semester 1/2026 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.