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### Online Course Information Form

**Course Number:** PHIL2403

**Course Title:** Introduction to Philosophy

**Course Description:** A survey of the philosophical, political, economic, aesthetic, and religious ideas that have influenced Western culture. Designed to promote the spirit of reasoned inquiry needed for thinking.

**Instructor:** Bill Crumpler

**Instructor Bio:**

Bill Crumpler -- I was born in 1945, which makes me somewhat younger than Methuselah. I graduated in 1963 from Fairview High School in Camden, Arkansas. I attended Ouachita Baptist University (BA), University of Arkansas (MA), Texas A&M Commerce (Ed.D—all but dissertation), and the Goethe Institute in Germany.

I am happily married, with two grown daughters (Beth and Jennifer), a grandson (Beau), and a granddaughter (Sky). I am a former Little League baseball player. I once had a dog named "Butch" and a pet turtle named "Turtle Joe." We currently have two imaginary bulldogs named "Sir Winston Bubba Joe" and "Gershwin" (sometimes spelled "G-r-r-r-shwin").

I like to write. Among other things, I've written a novel about Camden in the Civil War (*Steele Shadows*) and several children's coloring-story books: *The African-American Heritage*, *Color Camden*, *The Desert Storm Coloring Storybook*. Several of my short stories have won awards at the Arkansas Writers' Conference over the years.

Other than writing, my hobbies include flying (was once a student pilot—never crashed) and Harley riding (never crashed).

My wife Susan and I (and the imaginary bulldogs) live in McKinney, Texas, just north of Dallas.

**Prerequisite:** None

**Textbook Title:** *Archetypes of Wisdom*, current edition, by Douglass Soccio (Thompson)

**Learning Outcomes:**

**Goal:** During the course, the student will demonstrate a general knowledge of the major topics covered by scoring a C or better on the Unit Exams.

**Course Objectives:** (Note: "Paper" means the essay portion of the Unit Exams.)

- 1—The student will write a paper and master exams that express clear, critical thinking.
- 2—The student will write a paper and master exams that reflect standard English grammar usage.
- 3—The student will write a paper and master exams that reflect knowledge of literary themes and terminology.

**Teaching Methodology, including description of interaction between student and instructor:** Teaching methodology includes standard Blackboard methodology. Focus is on textbook reading assignments and Blackboard "Content Pages" online. The student should email the instructor often. Any questions over reading assignments should be addressed to the instructor before the student takes an exam.

**Methods of Testing:** Multiple-choice testing in Blackboard. Essay exam testing (full details explained in course syllabus).

**Special Attendance Requirements (student contact with instructor, proctored examinations, etc.):** Students are required to stay in contact with the instructor—weekly if possible. The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site. Visit the college web site at [http://www.sautech.edu/web\\_based\\_learning/policies/proc\\_sites.pdf](http://www.sautech.edu/web_based_learning/policies/proc_sites.pdf) for more detailed information.

**Other Considerations (writing ability, assignments/projects, time considerations, etc.):** Students will need Internet access, MS Word, Adobe Acrobat Reader, and the ability to receive and send e-mail attachments.