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ONLINE COURSE INFORMATION SHEET

Course Number: PHIL2403 (ACTS # PHIL 1103)

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: Johnie Sue Hall

Instructor Bio
Johnie Sue Hall: I've been around since the day after the dinosaurs died. When I was born in Fordyce, Arkansas, the doctor left town and was never heard from again. My parents never had to pay for me...well, I think I made them pay anyway (my mom certainly thinks so). I've attended five colleges, including SAU Tech, have three degrees (AAS, BA, MLA), plus 6 hours toward my doctorate, a junior college diploma, and an FAA Private Pilot's License. I'm a captain in the US Air Force Auxiliary Civil Air Patrol, and I love to fly and ride motorcycles. I also love the outdoors and live out in the "country" with my dog Airport (that's where I found her abandoned) and my cat Tonto (also abandoned and WILD).

I've been teaching at SAU Tech for 10 years, so something here keeps me coming back. I hope it will you, too. In my previous life I've been a freelance writer and photographer, a magazine editor, a newspaper writer, a store manager, a grant writer, a PR person, a National Writing Project Fellow, a Silo Fellow, and a National Endowment for the Humanities Fellow. I won a Governor's Award for a documentary film and was featured at the Hot Springs Documentary Festival in a "Meet the Filmmaker" series (that was scary, but fun—kind of like taking an online class, I think).

If I live long enough, I want to finish my doctorate, but my mom worries about my need for excitement with airplanes, boats, motorcycles, and speed (bow hunting is my quiet hobby). Oh, well, it keeps her on her knees—I need the prayer, and she needs the practice, right?

Prerequisite: None

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

Learning Outcomes

   A.   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 and other assignments.
   B.   Course Objectives: Upon completion of this course with a 70% or above average, students will be able to:
        a.   Reflect knowledge of the major philosophers.
        b.   Reflect knowledge of the major philosophical works.
        c.   Reflect knowledge of the historical context and terminology of philosophy.

On-Campus Requirement
The final exam must be taken at an approved proctor site.   Visit the college website at www.sautech.edu for detailed information.

Modes of Interaction
Teaching methodology includes standard Blackboard methodology. Focus is on textbook reading assignments, research, 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 Assessment
Multiple-choice testing in Blackboard. Essay exam testing (full details explained in course syllabus).

Enrollment Procedures:
SAU Tech is an open admissions college; however, we have several items that you must provide in order to be admitted:
- Submit application for admission.
- Submit a high school transcript or GED, and official college transcripts from all previously attended colleges (if applicable).
- Provide proof of two immunizations against measles, mumps and rubella.
- Take a placement test. Students enrolling must submit ACT, SAT, ASSET or COMPASS scores. Students can take the ASSET or COMPASS test at SAU Tech.

Students are responsible for all tuition and fees at the time of registration. Students must officially drop by written notice or in person in order to reduce their balance owed. If students never attend class, he/she will still be assessed partial tuition and full student processing fees, unless he/she completely withdraws during the 100% refund period.

In order for a student to drop a class, he/she must complete a drop form or send written request to his/her advisor. A $10 drop fee is assessed for drops that take place after the registration period ends.

Admissions Office Website: http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/admissions.aspx

Course Registration Website: http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx

Technical Requirements and Resources: Students will need Internet access and have the ability to send and receive e-mail attachments using the e-mail within Blackboard.

Library Website: http://www.sautech.edu/lrc/index.aspx

Bookstore Website: http://sautech.textbooktech.com

Adult Learner Resources: Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites. Advising services can be obtained at http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx.

Student Support and Learning Resources: Online library and bookstore services can be obtained at the library and bookstore websites.   Advising services can be obtained at http://www.sautech.edu/studentResources/advising.aspx.

Other Considerations
Prior computer skills are essential for success in an online class.   Prior to enrolling in an online class, you should be able to:
- Surf the Internet and download web pages
- E-mail and attach files and know proper e-mail etiquette
- Use Microsoft Word skills and submit papers with correct format, grammar and spelling

All first time online students are required to complete Learning Strategies before they will be allowed to take their online course(s).   The purpose of Learning Strategies is to teach students how to use Blackboard and provide information about other systems that students will use while a student at SAU Tech.

There are computer programs and other things that you will need if you are taking an online course from SAU Tech.   To make it easier for you, we have compiled a list of these things.   Before beginning your online course, you should go ahead and make sure each of these programs listed below are loaded on every computer that you will use while taking your online course(s).
- Microsoft Word – used to complete assignments and submit to instructor
  - Can be accessed via SkyDrive inside your student email account. **FREE**
  - Can be purchased from Wal Mart or other software vendor and will need to be loaded on to your computer
  - There is also a **free** product that works just as good as the Microsoft Office Suite. You can download it at http://download.openoffice.fm/free/?pk=26976
- Adobe Reader 7.0 or higher – used to read files in pdf format
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html
- Adobe Flash Player (7 or higher) – used to view study activities and demonstrations in Learning Strategies course
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://www.adobe.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?P1_Prod_Version=Shockwav eFlash
- Macromedia Shockwave Player 8.5.1 – used for interactive quizzes, animations and activities
  - Cost: Free
  - Can be downloaded to your computer from http://www.macromedia.com/shockwave/download/download.cgi?
- Windows Media Player – used to listen play audio files

- o Cost: Free
- o Comes as part of your Windows operating system
- <u>Java</u> – a technology that is required in order for Blackboard to function properly as well as some other programs that SAU Tech uses with its online classes (**Note: Only one version of Java can be running on your computer at a time.)**
  - o Cost: Free
  - o Can be downloaded to your computer from
    http://javashoplm.sun.com/ECom/docs/Welcome.jsp?StoreId=22&PartDetailId=jre-