

## DRAFT OUTLINE

Philosophy 1E03: Problems of Philosophy

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Class times:

Monday 3:30 – 4:20 p.m.  
Thursday 3:30 – 4:20 p.m.  
Tutorial as scheduled

Description:

This course will provide an introduction to philosophy by exploring one particular problem: What is the meaning of life? This is how the question is typically phrased, but we will amend it to read: “What is a meaningful life?” in order to focus on the ways in which we pursue and create meaning in our own particular lives. We will read historical and contemporary philosophers who have thought about the meaning provided by reflection, love, spirituality, community, justice, and art—but also suffering. The other side of the problem will also be considered in the context of our own times: what leads to a meaning<sup>less</sup> life? To a life not worth living?

Required Texts:  
TBD

Assignments:

Two short writing assignments (3-4 pp) = 15% each = 30%  
Midterm exam = 30%  
Final exam = 30%  
Tutorial participation = 10%