PHI 2103 – Critical Thinking and Ethical Decision Making – 3 Credit Hours

Summer Term 2017/18 Academic Year

This course will follow a blended format.

Course Dates: March 12, 2018 – July 20, 2018
Travel Dates: May 3, 2018 – May 14, 2018

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Perquisites:
Prerequisite: PHI 1600
Prerequisite: PHI 1600H
Prerequisite: PHI 1603
Prerequisite: PHI 1631
Prerequisite: PHI 2635
or
Prerequisite: PHI 2649

Course Description:
This course introduces students to critical thinking tools and techniques, and provides students with the practical skills needed to analyze and assess situations in order to resolve complex problems and make responsible and ethical decisions.

STUDY ABROAD APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Approval for participation in the program is subject to the following. Each participant must:

- Be a college student with a high school diploma, to participate in a traditional Study Abroad program.
- Be in good academic standing at the time of application (cannot be on academic warning, probation or suspension).
- Be enrolled for credit in an approved Study Abroad program course.
- Meet with an academic advisor to
  - Ensure any or all prerequisites needed to enroll in the course have been met
o To complete a [My Learning Plan](#)
  - Submit all required forms and documentation
  - Interview with and be approved by program's lead faculty member.
  - Be approved by the Center for International Programs.

Learning Outcomes and Objectives:

1. The student will demonstrate an understanding of basic critical thinking skills by:
   a. explaining why critical thinking skills are important in personal and professional life.
   b. identifying the fundamental components of critical thinking
2. The student will apply critical thinking skills to a variety of situations by:
   a. utilizing the components of critical thinking to resolve hypothetical and actual
      problems.
   b. discussing challenges to the application of critical thinking
3. The student will analyze specific situations to resolve central ethical issues by:
   a. distinguishing between ethical and non-ethical issues.
   b. identifying core ethical issues in specific situations.
4. The student will integrate universal ethical principles into the critical thinking process to make
   sound and defensible ethical decisions by:
   a. applying historical ethical concepts and theories to resolve ethical dilemmas.
   b. utilizing criteria such as clarity, consistency, completeness of analysis, comprehension
      of ethically relevant factors, and avoidance of ethically irrelevant issues, when
      formulating ethical decisions.

Curricunet information:

MEETING INFORMATION/ATTENDANCE POLICY: IMPORTANT: You may not miss any activity. Pre-trip, trip, and post-trip activities are all important. If you are ill, please notify the instructor—they will provide instruction on what you will do. Missing any activity may result in your dismissal from the program. Refer to College policy (Revised October 2006) on class attendance 6Hx23-4.30 i.e., Attendance: It is the student’s responsibility to notify the instructor of ANY absence. (It is important to refer to College policy (Revised October 2006) on class attendance, Rule 6Hx23-4.30, [http://www.spccollege.edu/central/botrules/R4/4_30.doc](http://www.spccollege.edu/central/botrules/R4/4_30.doc)

COURSE CONTENT:

GRADING SCALE:
A = 90-100
B = 80-89
C = 70-79
D = 69 – 60
F = 59 and below
All work must be turned in on time. Late work will receive a ZERO. Failure to be ready to present on your assigned day will result in a zero.
ACADEMIC HONESTY:
St. Petersburg College has an Academic Honesty policy. It is your responsibility to be familiar with the policies, rules, and the consequences of violations. Read about the policy at: http://www.spcollege.edu/webcentral/admit/honesty.htm. There is no tolerance for cheating and academic dishonesty. Discipline can range from a zero on that specific assignment to expulsion from the class with a grade of F. Note that copy/pasting published information, whether it's from your textbook or the Internet, without citing your source is plagiarism and violates this policy. Even if you change the words slightly, the ideas are someone else's, so you still have to cite your sources. Cheating, plagiarism, bribery, misrepresentation, conspiracy and fabrication are defined in Rule 6Hx23-4.461, Student Affairs: Academic Honesty Guidelines, Classroom Behavior.

TEXTBOOK INFORMATION:
ISBN-10: 1256825352

We made a conscious effort to try to keep the price of the book down. We cut the number of pages from the previous edition, we discontinued the use of the binder and electronic version, and we do not participate in “buyback” (which requires publishers to charge exorbitant rates for books and allows bookstores to resell books in perpetuity while basically “renting” the books to students. The book is online for as low as $50 and in the bookstores on SPC campuses for $56. Compared to most textbooks, that is a great deal – and best of all – you get to keep this great book as a resource for years to come!

There will be copies of the textbook on reserve at each SPC campus library for those students who would like to use the book while on campus.

** A note about the book – full disclosure** I was one of the writers/editors of Ethics Applied 7.5. I was paid on a stipend basis by St. Petersburg College to write/edit my portion of the book. I do not receive any royalties from the sales of the book, nor will I in the future. In other words, I do not make any money from you buying the book, if I did, I would be retired and not be teaching this class 😊

ASSIGNMENTS and POINT VALUE:
To be determined.

ITEMS TO PACK:
Please consult this following list for packing that is appropriate for France.

Average temperature in Paris in March is 50 degrees Fahrenheit. Students should bring “layers of clothes” as well as a range of outfits. Jeans, shorts, comfortable shoes are a must, compression socks – as we will be mostly walking places.
Most museums require people with bags to go through security. But, if you bring a jacket you do not have to. If you can bring a light jacket with lots of pockets you can save time and still bring your things.

You should pack some light snacks such as protein bars, crackers, etc. You never know when you will get stuck traveling and should plan ahead.

Students should bring regular toiletries and hygienic amenities. You might also want to consider bringing antibacterial wipes, wet ones, and baby wetties.

Travelers should make a photo copy of their passports and put one in each bag they bring.

STUDENT CONDUCT / ALCOHOL AND DRUG POLICY:
Please refer to important information about student conduct and related policies in your study abroad application package. You are not only representing yourself and your family, but you are also representing SPC as well as the United States. With that said, it is expected that you will behave as an appreciative guest while in country. You should also be aware at all times and make decisions based on protecting yourself from all opportunities of victimization.

EMERGENCIES/HEALTH & SAFETY:
Please refer to important information in pre-departure orientation materials.

MEDICAL INSURANCE: The Department of State strongly urges U.S. citizens to consult their medical insurance company prior to traveling abroad to determine whether the policy applies overseas and whether it covers emergency expenses such as a medical evacuation. For more information, please see our medical insurance overseas page.

LINK TO DEPARTMENT OF STATE ADVISORY FOR STUDY ABROAD DESTINATION(S):
England State Department Link: https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/united-kingdom.html

France State Department Link: https://travel.state.gov/content/passports/en/country/france.html


This information is subject to change; please check this source again as departure time nears.

SPECIAL ACCOMMODATIONS:

If you anticipate requesting of the Learning Specialist an accommodation for a documented disability, it is important to notify the International Programs office as soon
as possible that you plan to make a request. Please also make an appointment with the Learning Specialist on campus to make your request as soon as possible. The Learning Specialist can be reached at 791-2628 or 791-2710 (CL), 341-4758 (SP/G), 394-6108 (SE), 712-5789 (TS), or 341-4532 (AC).

France has few to no accommodations for disabilities. This tour will require a high level of physical activity. It should be considered a 4/5 on a scale for physical intensity. We will plan to walk everywhere we can. When walking is impractical we will use a combination of walking and public transportation such as buses and the metro.

Cost per person is approximately US: 
$5,250 based on double occupancy. 

Course Schedule:
Mandatory Meeting ________ :

**March 12, 2018**
Course Opens on MyCourses

During this time it is expected that you will learn the critical thinking model as well as prepare for presentations and other assignments.

Travel and meeting information. Please refer to website [www.spcollege.edu/france](http://www.spcollege.edu/france)

**Course is over on July 20, 2018**