



ARE WE LIVING IN A SIMULATION?

**Introduction to
Philosophy
(Philosophy 001)**

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**Tues & Thurs
12:45p-2:10p**

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Philosophy deals with questions that people all over the world, adults and children, have been asking ever since there have been people. You have undoubtedly asked some of them yourself.

This course combines historical and contemporary sources as a way of introducing some of the main topics of philosophy as they have been dealt with by some of the most influential thinkers in Western history.

In this class, we will follow a timeline starting in Ancient Greece and moving toward the twenty first century. We will probe basic philosophical themes, as well as issues at the

intersection of philosophy, such as truth, values, and religion.

In addition, the very notion of "philosophy" will be explored.

For example: To what degree are we alone in terms of our philosophical thinking? What is the connection between our overall sense of reality and our ways of being in the world? What is the relation between one's worldview and his or her understanding of morality? What is the difference between philosophical thinking and scientific thinking? What is the relationship between philosophical and religious thought?