Philosophy 001 Online (Introduction to Philosophy) - Welcome to Class!
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Please Note: **If the class is full, then the class is full. I do not add students beyond the limit.**

Always allow enough study time! My rule of thumb is this: For every hour spent in class a week, you should devote about 3 hours of study. For a full semester length class of 15 weeks this is 3 hours per week x 3 hours study, for 9 hours a week total.

The pace of a winter or summer classes is very fast. This means you have to devote the same amount of study time for the same amount of material in a shorter span of time. So for example, a five-week class is 1/3 the length of a regular semester. This means you should gauge 9 hours x 3 hours for about 27 hours a week as time spent working in this class.

Students should log on the Etudes site for class with the information that was provide for you during registration. The site will be open 2 days before the beginning of the semester.

There will be modules on the class site that discuss how to use Etudes in addition to the modules that deal with the subject matter of the class. Virtual Valley at LAVC is also helpful, see the link below.

**Answers to Frequently Asked Questions:**

1. No, you do not need to send me an email outside the Etudes-NG site to inform me that you are registered for the class. Please email me from the email forum inside the Etudes-NG site only.
2. Yes, you must immediately complete an assignment the first time you log on. That assignment is labeled: “Complete this Assignment or you Might be Dropped.” Do it right away.
3. No, there are no meetings on campus. Everything is on line on the Etudes-NG class site.
4. Yes, you must have the text book. The text book is: Voices of Wisdom (6th ed) by Gary Kessler and is available at the school bookstore or at various online locations. If you order it on line, please allow ample lead time to get the book by the time the semester starts.
5. Visit the LAVC Virtual Valley site at [http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley/index.htm](http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley/index.htm) to address any computer configuration questions to start class. You can configure your browser at the “technical information” link. There is a lot of helpful information to get started at this site, please visit the site.
6. The Virtual Valley Student Resource “Help Desk” page will help with technical problems.
7. If you have computer problems, it is your issue. Avoid problems by securing an alternative resource for completing assignments and meeting deadlines. You may want to ask a friend or relative if they can serve as a resource for a back up logon computer.
8. No, waiting until the last minute to do something and having a computer “glitch” is not an excuse for not doing an assignment. Allow yourself enough lead time to implement your back up plan in cases like this. Oh, what was that back up plan again? Please see note at #7 above.
9. You can log onto the Etudes class site from here: [http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley/loggingonline.htm](http://www.lavc.edu/virtualvalley/loggingonline.htm)
10. Yes, you must be able to write in clear and concise English. I expect correct spelling, good grammar, and logically coherent essays. I also expect you to complete the assignment as it is given. If you do not do these things you will lose points.