**Introduction to History of Philosophy**

Course Code: PHI 1102

**Course Unit: 3**

***Course Description:***

This course introduces the student to the great thinkers of the past, showing how they were influenced by their history and how they helped to fashion the later history of ideas. The course orders the various systems of thought considered in other courses.

***Course Objective:***

The course aims at introducing students to the history of how philosophical ideas emerged over the different epochs.

***Learning Objectives:***

1. Enable students appreciate how philosophical activity emerged from the primitive to the cosmologist horizon.
2. Help students understand how systematic and rational philosophical activity in the classical period shaped later philosophers
3. Help students appreciate the role played by philosophers in linking divine explanations of all reality with the rational ones.
4. Enable students see the consequences on philosophical activity caused by the extremism in empiricism and rationalism and the cross-fertilization that emerged through attempts to link the two schools.

***Course outline***

1. The Pre-Socratic/ Cosmologist Period

2. The Classical Period

3. The Transition to Modern Period

4. Early Modern Thought

5. The Enlightenment Period

***Methodology***

The facilitator(s) will employ the following methods; Lectures, individual presentations, textual criticism, guest lectures

***Assessment Mode***

Course work exercises 30%

End of semester examination 70%

***Reading List***

1. Martin Walsh, *Introduction to History of Philosophy*
2. Coplestone, *Complete Set of History of Philosophy*, Volume One
3. Ayer A.J, *History of Philosophy*