**Philosophical Thought Throughout the Ages**

Course Code: PHI 2207

**Course Unit: 3**

***Course Description:***

The course studies the main philosophical ideas that have been developed throughout the history of philosophy, focusing on those that are relevant to contemporary life. It highlights the enduring challenges that humanity has been faced with through the centuries, the way such challenges have been met in the past and which lessons may be drawn for the present.

***Course Objective :***

The course will enable the learners to appreciate and have a firm foundation and be grounded in the philosophical ideas that have been developed throughout the different periods of philosophy, and how these philosophical ideas are relevant/can be applied to address the contemporary world challenges.

***Learning Objectives***

At the end of this course learners will be able to;

1. appreciate the wisdom of past philosophy thinkers and apply it to the contemporary challenges
2. have a firm foundation and be grounded in the development of philosophical ideas throughout time to the present. This is useful if learners are to present reasonable and critical position in our debates.
3. introduce the students to the great philosophical periods, their spirit and main representatives.
4. discern the main questions of philosophy and attempts made to answer them.
5. show the interconnectedness of the philosophical ideas from the Ancient Greek thought to present day, in other words, how the proceeding thoughts influence subsequent philosophical ideas.
6. bring out the perennial nature of the three main problems that recurs in every age: the problem of God, of self and the world.

***Course Outline***

1. General Introduction/The concept of philosophy and philosophizing
2. The Milesian speculation
3. Atomism
4. Idealism
5. Realism
6. Rationalism and Empiricism
7. Hedonism
8. Marxism
9. Stoicism

***Methodology***

Lecturing; Small Group discussions; Guided discovery

***Assessment Mode***

Coursework (Out of 30)

Final written examination ( Out of70**)**

***Reading List***

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