

PHIL 153 - Arguments About Social Issues

Spring 2022: Online asynchronous

This is a General Education class. It's in the **Academic Writing II** knowledge area (that's the 'Arguments' in the course title), and the **Civic & Community Engagement** pathway (that's the 'Social Issues').

We'll focus on **writing and argument**, and on **divisive social issues**. We'll look at how people communicate (or fail to communicate!) with each other about such issues.

Especially, we'll look at events that occur **on college campuses** when a controversial speaker is invited to campus.

The class isn't just about the social issues themselves. It's also about a 'meta' question: How we should talk to each other about those social issues?

This is an asynchronous online class. There are no class meeting times. There will also be very few lectures to watch. You will learn *actively* through a variety of assignments:

- **SURVEYS**
- **QUIZZES**
- **DISCUSSIONS**
- **READING ASSIGNMENTS**
- **WRITING ASSIGNMENTS**

The text will be available at perusall.com, where you will annotate and discuss it with your peers in the class. There is no need to buy a hard copy of the text.

