

Dear Students

Welcome to the philosophy school of MCU. As the new students, you might need some information about the program. And the following is the important things that you should know.

First of all, please understand that the best way in learning philosophy is the thing that we call training. The study of philosophy at MCU is not based on the lectures of professors. But it is based on the reading of the texts, thinking, and writing philosophical work in the form of papers and thesis. And all of these are called the philosophical

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training.

Other things that the students should understand are that philosophical study is the process of self-transformation. That is, the study of philosophy should be a thing that changes the life of the person who studies it. The change of life can be of many kinds, and the person to know and choose it is the student alone.

Philosophical change could be different from religious one. But that is not the point. The point is that if we understand that the study of philosophy should be a thing that changes the life of the person who studies it, the

Learning of philosophy might not be the reading of philosophical books to collect a thing that we understand to be philosophical knowledge from these books. There is no such knowledge in the study of philosophy at MCU.

Here, all the books written by great philosophers of the world, including the books written by MCU professors, have to be treated as the tool for self-transformation of the student. And there is nothing more than this. So, the student should feel free to read all the books given in the courses with the critical mind

of the student. Ultimate objective of the study of philosophy should be the creation of the good and free person. And we believe that goodness and freedom are two conditions that support each other.

One thing that can be said to be the objective of the study of philosophy at MCU is that the cultivation of the student's life through the learning of philosophy finally must end with some certain scope. We have given the six ways for each student to follow as the way that they feel most fits their different personality. At the beginning, the student would be given some basic

understandings in philosophy which are metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics. After that, each student has been required to choose one among the six ways to personally follow such as Buddhist philosophy, social and political philosophy, philosophy of science, and so on. There would be the detail about the six ways as said in the official documents provided to the students.

In summary, the students would be trained in metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics first as the basic requirements. And then the students would be trained in

a course named philosophical writing. The aim of this course is to practically enable the student in composing the ideas and writing the good papers on the subjects that are personally chosen by each student.

The next step to ^{be} completed is to study the required courses in the way (among the six ways as said). The process of study would be given in the form of individual study of the subject. When these required courses have been completed, the next thing to be done by each student is the writing of the thesis.

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The friendly co-working between the student and the professors is at the heart of the system. But the professors would not do anything more than the ones whose responsibility might be compared to the gardener. The students can be compared with the trees in the garden. The trees have to grow from inside of themselves. The gardener is just the person to provide necessary conditions for the growth of the trees. This is the basic picture of the thing that would happen within the time of the study at MCO.
