

## **Dersin Adı: Introduction to Philosophy- Why Philosophy?**

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## Ders İçeriği

This course introduces students to the fundamental questions that philosophers have asked, such as 'What is happiness?'; 'What should I do?'; 'How can we organise society?'; 'What is the meaning of life?'; 'Who am I?' etc. Philosophers have tried to answer these questions, using arguments and techniques that scientists and researchers today continue to use, no matter what field or discipline they work in. These are the same techniques and arguments that students can use to answer any question that they might have about life.

The different philosophers that we deal with and that have attempted to answer these questions include Plato; Aristotle; Farabi; Locke; Descartes; Hume; Kant and Hume. Through these introductions, we aim to have students develop their own philosophical view on any and all questions that philosophers have posed. Students thus are invited to engage with the readings, critique, develop as well as support their own philosophical arguments and thoughts in response to these philosophers.



## Öğrenme Çıktıları

Philosophy: The First Encounter

Why Philosophy? What questions do the different branches of philosophy answer?

What is Happiness?

Aristotle Responds: Between Happiness and Action

What is the difference between knowledge and belief? Plato's Allegory of the Cave, a story with a purpose!

How can we organise society?

A Farabian Response: True Leadership

How sure can we be about the world? Can the world be just a dream?

Three Responses: Descartes, Locke and Hume

What should I do? How can I decide what to do?

Kant answers.

