

PHILO 101 Introduction to Philosophy:

Professor Ian Blecher – Spring 2016

From the beginning philosophy has sought a scientific understanding of the nature of things. Yet after many centuries of work it has little to show for itself: its progress, in contrast to that of the other sciences, has been slow and unsteady; there is still disagreement over its basic methods and practices, not to mention its conclusions. We will consider why — and whether philosophy may still be worth the trouble. Readings will be drawn from ancient, medieval and modern sources.