

Intro to Philosophy Schedule Spring 2012

Date	Reading	Topic	Notes
30-Jan	-	Class Cancelled	
1-Feb	-	Class Cancelled	
3-Feb	Diagramming Arguments	Logic & Argument	
6-Feb	Aquinas, "The Existence of God"	Cosmological Argument	RP1 Due
8-Feb			
10-Feb	Anselm, "The Ontological Argument" Rowe, "The Ontological Argument"*	Ontological Argument	
13-Feb			
15-Feb	Hume, "Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion" (part II, part V)	Design Argument	
17-Feb	-	Class Cancelled	RP2 Due
20-Feb	Paley, "Natural Theology"	Design Argument	
22-Feb	Dawkins, excerpt from <i>The Blind Watchmaker</i> *		
24-Feb	Perry, "Dialogue on Good, Evil, and the Existence of God" (part 1)	Problem of Evil	
27-Feb	Perry, "Dialogue on Good, Evil, and the Existence of God" (part 2-3)		
29-Feb	van Inwagen, "The Sufferings of Beasts"*		RP3
2-Mar	Pascal, "The Wager"	Pascal's Wager	
5-Mar			
7-Mar	Exam 1		
9-Mar	Plato, <i>Euthyphro</i> *	Morality and Religion	
12-Mar			
14-Mar	Singer, "Famine, Affluence and Morality"	What ought we to do?	
16-Mar			
19-Mar	O'Neill, "Kantian Approaches..."		
21-Mar	Hardin, "Living on a Lifeboat"		
23-Mar			
Spring Recess			
2-Apr	Plato, "The Republic" (Part I, Chapters III-IV)	Why Be Moral?	SP2 Due
4-Apr	Plato, "The Republic" (Part II, Chapter V)		
6-Apr	Hume, "Enquiry...Principles of Morals" (Section IX, Part II) Gauthier, "Morality and Advantage"		
9-Apr			
11-Apr	Mackie, "Law of the Jungle" Kant, excerpt from Lectures on Ethics*		
13-Apr			
16-Apr	Exam 2		
18-Apr	Plato, "Theaetetus"*	Analyzing Knowledge	
20-Apr	Gettier, "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?"		
23-Apr	Hume, "Of Miracles"	Local Skepticism	
25-Apr			Rough Draft Due
27-Apr	Descartes, "Meditations" (I, II)		

30-Apr	Descartes, "Meditations" (III)	Global Skepticism	
2-May	Hume, <i>Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i> (IV)		
4-May			
7-May	McHenry, "The Faith-Based Encyclopedia"*	The Epistemology of Wikipedia	
9-May	Magnus, "On Trusting Wikipedia"*		Final Paper Due
16-May	FINAL EXAM (8:30-11:30 am)		