

Intro to Philosophy Schedule Fall 2012

Date	Reading	Topic	Notes
22-Aug	-	Introduction	
24-Aug	Nagel, Death	Philosophical Discussions	
27-Aug	Diagramming Arguments*	Logic & Argument	
29-Aug	Plato, "Theatetus"*; Gettier, "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?"	Analysis of Knowledge	Assignment 1: Objection Extraction
31-Aug	TBA	Analysis of Knowledge	
3-Sep	Russell, "The Argument From Analogy for Other Minds"	Knowledge Applied	Assignment 2: Original Objection
5-Sep	Descartes, "Meditations" (I)	Skepticism	Assignment 3: Conclusion Extraction
7-Sep	Descartes, "Meditations" (II)	Skepticism Resolved?	
10-Sep	Ryle, "Descartes' Myth" (Sections (1) - (3))	Response to Descartes	Assignment 4: Argument Extraction
12-Sep	Hume, "Of Miracles"	Ryle Wrap-Up/Hume	
14-Sep	" "	Hume on Miracles	Assignment 5: Original Objection
17-Sep	Hume, <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i> (Section IV) Salmon, <i>The Problem of Induction</i> (Section I)	Problem of Induction	
19-Sep	Salmon, <i>The Problem of Induction</i> (Section II.1 and II.8, Section III)	Problem of Induction	
21-Sep	McHenry, "The Faith-Based Encyclopedia"	Wikipedia	
24-Sep	Magnus, "On Trusting Wikipedia"	Wikipedia	
26-Sep			
28-Sep	Exam 1		
1-Oct	Intro Religion		
3-Oct	Aquinas, "The Existence of God"		RP1 Due
5-Oct			
8-Oct	Hume, "Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion" (part II, part V)		
10-Oct	Paley, "Natural Theology"		
12-Oct			RP2 Due
Fall Break			
22-Oct	Dawkins, excerpt from <i>The Blind Watchmaker</i> *		
24-Oct	Perry, "Dialogue on Good, Evil, and the Existence of God" (part 1)		
26-Oct	Perry, "Dialogue on Good, Evil, and the Existence of God" (part 2-3)		
29-Oct	van Inwagen, "The Sufferings of Beasts"*		RP3 Due
31-Oct	Pascal, "The Wager"		
2-Nov			
5-Nov	Exam 2		
7-Nov	Intro Ethics		
9-Nov	Singer, "Famine, Affluence and Morality"		
12-Nov			

14-Nov	O'Neill, "Kantian Approaches..."		
16-Nov			
19-Nov	Hardin, "Living on a Lifeboat"		
Thanksgiving Break			
26-Nov	Plato, "The Republic" (Part I, Chapters III-IV)		Rough Draft Due
28-Nov	Plato, "The Republic" (Part II, Chapter V)		
	Hume, "Enquiry...Principles of Morals" (Section IX, Part II)		
30-Nov	Gauthier, "Morality and Advantage"		
3-Dec			
	Mackie, "Law of the Jungle"		
5-Dec	Kant, excerpt from Lectures on Ethics*		
7-Dec			Final Paper Due
14-Dec	FINAL EXAM		