

PHIL101.009: Introduction to Philosophical Problems		Spring 2009
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Textbooks

Descartes, René. *Meditations on First Philosophy In Which The Existence of God And the Distinction of the Soul from the Body Are Demonstrated*. Translated from the Latin by Donald A. Cress. Third edition. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, 1993.

Hume, David. *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*. Edited, with an introduction, by Richard H. Popkin. Second edition. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, 1998.

James, William. *Pragmatism*. Edited, with an introduction, by Bruce Kucklick. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, 2001.

Plato. *Five Dialogues*. Translated by G. M. A. Grube, revised by John M. Cooper. Second edition. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, 2002.

Welchman, Jennifer, editor. *The Practice of Virtue: Classic and Contemporary Readings in Virtue Ethics*. Indianapolis: Hackett Publishing Company, 2006.

Classroom work

Courtesy The enterprise of philosophy takes place most effectively in a peaceful environment in which everyone is thoughtful of the needs of others. Most of the material covered in class is difficult and will therefore require concentration. As a courtesy to your fellow students, and to me, please remember to turn off all mobile telephones before entering the classroom, and try to avoid any behavior that will make it difficult for others to listen and to think.

Assignments and evaluation

1. Although most of the discipline of philosophy is about thinking and evaluating arguments, there is also a certain amount of information one should have. To help you acquire this information, there will be a short quiz given every week. These quizzes will cover material from the preceding week's classes.
2. The main part of your grade will be based on writing three short essays, the topics of which will be given to you during the semester.
3. Finally, there will be a final examination.

The weight and due dates of assignments are as follows:

Assignment	Date Due	Weight
Quizzes	weekly, except when essays are due	10%
First essay	February 11	20%
Second essay	March 30	20%
Third essay	May 4	20%
Final exam	May 15 (10:00am–12:00 noon)	30%
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Deadlines Please note that all deadlines are firm and work not submitted on time will receive a penalty of one-third grade per day late. Suppose, for example, an essay is due Monday but is turned in Tuesday. If its original evaluation is *A*, the grade will be recorded as *A–*. The same essay handed in on Wednesday would be recorded as *B+*. **All essays must be submitted in hard copy form; no essay submitted to me by e-mail will be graded.** If you are not present for a quiz, you simply miss it. Quizzes cannot be made up.

Policy on plagiarism or other academic dishonesty The on-line Pathfinder-Student Handbook states:

Academic dishonesty includes, but is not limited to, dishonesty in quizzes, tests, or assignments; claiming credit for work not done or done by others; hindering the academic work of other students; misrepresenting academic or professional qualifications within or without the University; and nondisclosure or misrepresentation in filling out applications or other University records.

The policy in this course for academic dishonesty will be that a work found in violation of the regulations will receive a grade of zero. In addition, the incident will be reported to the Dean of Students and could result in further discipline by the University.

Schedule of lectures and discussions before spring break

Date	Topic
Jan 21	Introduction to course and requirements. Tips on writing a philosophical essay.
23	Euthyphro in Plato, pp. 1–20
26	Apology in Plato, pp. 21–44
28	Crito in Plato, pp. 45–57
30	Meno in Plato, pp. 58–71
Feb 2	Meno in Plato, pp. 71–92
4	Phaedo in Plato, pp. 93–113
6	Phaedo in Plato, pp. 114–134
9	Phaedo in Plato, pp. 134–154
11	Aristotle in Welchman, pp. ix–xxv, and 2–4 First essay due
13	Nicomachean ethics Book I in Welchman, pp. 5–20
16	Nicomachean ethics Books II–III in Welchman, pp. 20–38
18	Seneca in Welchman, pp. 39–57 and Julia Annas in Welchman, pp. 156–159
20	Rosalind Hursthouse, “Applying virtue ethics to our treatment of other animals,” in Welchman, pp. 136–154
23	René Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> pp. 1–10
25	René Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> One, Two and Three pp. 11–35
27	René Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> Four, Five and Six pp. 35–57
Mar 2	David Hume, <i>Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion</i> Part I, pp. 1–12
4	David Hume, <i>Dialogues</i> Parts II–III, pp. 13–27
6	David Hume, <i>Dialogues</i> Parts IV–VII, pp. 28–48
9	David Hume, <i>Dialogues</i> Parts VIII–X, pp. 49–66
11	David Hume, <i>Dialogues</i> Parts XI, pp. 67–76
13	David Hume, <i>Dialogues</i> Part XII, pp. 77–89

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	23	David Hume “Of the immortality of the soul,” pp. 91–97
	25	David Hume “Of suicide” pp. 97–105
	27	David Hume, “Of miracles,” pp. 107–125
	30	David Hume in Welchman, pp. 82–108. Second essay due
Apr	1	Jacqueline Taylor in Welchman, pp. 183–203.
	3	Francis Hutcheson, “An inquiry into the original of our ideas of beauty and virtue,” in Welchman, pp. 61–81
	6	Friedrich Nietzsche “On the genealogy of morality,” in Welchman, pp. 111–125
	8	Friedrich Nietzsche “Beyond good and evil,” in Welchman, pp. 126–134
	10	Clancy W. Martin “Nietzsche’s virtues and the virtues of business,” in Welchman, pp. 204–224
	13	William James, <i>Pragmatism</i> , Lecture I, pp. 7–21
	15	William James, <i>Pragmatism</i> , Lecture II, pp. 25–39
	17	William James, <i>Pragmatism</i> , Lecture III, pp. 43–57
	20	William James, <i>Pragmatism</i> , Lecture IV, pp. 61–74
	22	William James, <i>Pragmatism</i> , Lecture V, pp. 77–87
	24	William James, <i>Pragmatism</i> , Lecture VI, pp. 91–105
	27	William James, <i>Pragmatism</i> , Lecture VII, pp. 109–120
	29	William James, <i>Pragmatism</i> , Lecture VIII, pp. 123–134
May	1	Charles Sanders Peirce, “The Fixation of Belief” (download from WebCT)
	4	Review of Plato, Aristotle and Seneca Third essay due.
	6	Review of Hutcheson, Hume and Nietzsche
	8	Review of James and Peirce