

## Schedule — Subject to Change

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Wed 9/3 Introduction (no reading)

### What is Philosophy?

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Fri 9/5 Plato, *Apology* (to 38b)

Mon 9/8 Plato, *Apology* (38b–end); Bertrand Russell, “The Value of Philosophy”

Wed 9/10 Plato, *Crito* (all)

Fri 9/12 Plato, *Phaedo* 115a–end

### Philosophy of Mind: Mind, What Is It, and Where Is It?

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Mon 9/15 René Descartes, Selections (*Discourse on the Method*; *Letter to the Marquis of the Newcastle*; *Letter to Henry More*)

Wed 9/17 René Descartes, Princess Elisabeth of Bohemia, Correspondence

Fri 9/19 Argument Reconstruction Workshop (How to Reconstruct an Argument)

Mon 9/22 Thomas Nagel, “What Is It Like to Be a Bat?,” 435–441

Wed 9/24 Thomas Nagel, “What Is It Like to Be a Bat?,” 441–end

**Thu 9/25 Argument Reconstruction Due by 11:59 PM**

Fri 9/26 David Chalmers, “The Puzzle of Conscious Experience,” 333–340

### Epistemology: How Do I Know for Sure?

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Mon 9/29 Plato, *Theaetetus*, 201d–206c

Wed 10/1 Plato, *Theaetetus*, 206c–end; Edmund Gettier, “Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?”

Fri 10/3 Paper Workshop (How to Write a Philosophy Paper)

Mon 10/6 David Hume, “On Miracles,” Part I, in *Enquiry*

Wed 10/8 Sanford Goldberg, “Testimonial Knowledge through Unsafe Testimony,” 302–307

**Thu 10/9 First Essay Due by 11:59 PM**

Fri 10/10 Sanford Goldberg, “Testimonial Knowledge through Unsafe Testimony,” 307–end

**Mon 10/13 No Class**

Wed 10/15 Miranda Fricker, “Testimonial Injustice” in *Epistemic Injustice*, 17–22

Fri 10/17 Miranda Fricker, “Testimonial Injustice” in *Epistemic Injustice*, 22–29

### Metaphysics: Why Something Rather than Nothing?

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Mon 10/20 Arthur Schopenhauer, “On Man’s Need for Metaphysics,” in *The World as Will and Representation* (part 1)

Wed 10/22 Arthur Schopenhauer, “On Man’s Need for Metaphysics,” in *The World as Will and Representation* (part 2, 3)

Fri 10/24 William James, “The Problem of Being”

Mon 10/27 Derek Parfit, “The Puzzle of Reality: Why Does the Universe Exist?,” 418–421

Wed 10/29 Derek Parfit, “The Puzzle of Reality: Why Does the Universe Exist?,” 421–end

Fri 10/31 Paper Workshop

### Philosophy of Art: What Does Art Do for Us?

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Mon 11/3 Alva Noë, “Why is Art so Boring?”

Wed 11/5 Federico Lauria, “The Epistemic Value of Sad Music,” 130–137

**Thu 11/6 Second Essay Due by 11:59 PM**

Fri 11/7 Federico Lauria, “The Epistemic Value of Sad Music,” 130–end

### Ethics: What am I Responsible For?

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Mon 11/10 Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, III.1, 5

Wed 11/12 Thomas Reid, "Of the Liberty of Moral Agents VI. First Argument," in *Essays on the Active Powers of Man*  
 Fri 11/14 Susan Wolf, "The Importance of Free Will," 386–394  
 Mon 11/17 Susan Wolf, "The Importance of Free Will," 394–end  
 Wed 11/19 Peter Singer, "Famine, Affluence, Morality," 229–236  
 Fri 11/21 Peter Singer, "Famine, Affluence, Morality," 237–end  
 Mon 11/24 Derek Parfit, "Overpopulation and the Quality of Life," 145–151  
**Wed 11/26 No Class — Thanksgiving**  
**Fri 11/28 No Class — Thanksgiving**  
 Mon 12/1 David Benatar, "Why It Is Better Never to Come into Existence"  
 Wed 12/3 Thomas Nagel, "Death"  
 Fri 12/5 Paper Workshop  
 Mon 12/8 Course Review  
  
**Fri 12/12 Third Essay Due by 11:59 PM**