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The course begins with an overview of philosophy of science (2 weeks) and then focuses on laws of nature for the rest of the semester. We will spend 6 weeks studying major theories about the nature of laws. I will explain why this is our focus when we meet. Each students will do a field study comparing these theories to how scientists deploy the notion in the discipline of their choice. Thus the course will be a comparative study in the philosophy and sociology of science.

Texts for the course are:

Readings on Laws of Nature
John Carroll
Paperback: 296 pages
Publisher: University of Pittsburgh Press; 1 edition (August 15, 2004)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 082295852X

Philosophy of Science
Samir Okasha
Paperback: 160 pages
Publisher: Oxford University Press, USA; 1st edition (July 15, 2002)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0192802836

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We will spend 6 weeks studying major theories about decision theory
I will explain why this is my focus at our first meeting.
Each students will do a field study comparing these theories to how scientists deploy the notion in the discipline of their choice.
Thus the course will be a comparative study in the philosophy and sociology of science.

Texts for the course are:

An Introduction to Decision Theory
Martin Peterson
Paperback: 328 pages
Publisher: Cambridge University Press; 1 edition (May 25, 2009)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0521716543

Against the Gods
Peter Bernstein
Paperback: 400 pages
Publisher: Wiley (August 31, 1998)
Language: English
ISBN-10: 0471295639

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