This is a co-convened course with a graduate-level survey seminar in epistemology. There will be two groups of students: undergrads and (mostly first-year) PhD students. Undergrads will do readings from a semi-advanced epistemology textbook that covers mostly basic topics plus a few novel ones. (The class will be a first-time use of the text, prior to publication). Graduate students will do additional readings at a higher level. Lectures and discussion will alternate between basic explanation of the key ideas and sophisticated analysis of the more advanced readings. Undergrads can expect to profit from encountering discussion close to the professional level.

The text will cover roughly the following ten chapters:

4. Knowledge (II): Contextualism and pragmatic encroachment
5. Perception
6. Probabilistic (Bayesian) epistemology
7. Naturalistic epistemology (psychology and epistemology)
8. Philosophical methodology and the evidential status of intuitions
9. Social epistemology (I): testimony and reliance on experts
10. Social epistemology (II): the epistemology of groups

Not all chapters will be covered; but most will be. Central topics will occupy two weeks each, less central ones, one week each.

Course writing requirements: Each undergraduate student will write two substantial papers, one due by the mid-term and the other due at the end of the semester. Papers should be about 12-15 pages each. In addition, students will submit a weekly question about the reading, to demonstrate comprehension and engagement with the material.