Introduction to Philosophy (Phil103/3) / Fall 2014
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Core Curriculum Learning Goal: This course meets goal ‘o’: “Examine critically philosophical and other theoretical issues concerning the nature of reality, human experience, knowledge, and value.”

Course requirements: three exams (2nd exam is 40% of course grade, each other exam 30%)

Tentative Schedule (subject to change):

9/3: The Value of Philosophy
9/8: Arguments: Feinberg (1 - 7), Russell (20 - 23)

Religion
9/10: Ontological Argument: Anselm, Gaunilo, Rowe (30 - 44)
9/15: Cosmological Argument: Aquinas, Clarke, Rowe (45 - 55)
9/17: Teleological Argument: Paley (56 - 61), Hume Part V (72 - 74)
9/24: Evil: van Inwagen (108 - 116)
9/29: Faith: Pascal, Blackburn (142 - 151), Clifford, James (125 - 137)
10/1: Exam 1

Knowledge
10/6: Skepticism: Descartes (199 - 203)
10/8: Rationalism: Descartes (203 - 207)
10/13: Empiricism: Locke (231 - 238), Hume (249 - 257)
10/15: Induction: Salmon (274 – 292)

Minds
10/20: Dualism: Descartes (221 - 229)
10/22: Dualism: Gertler (312 - 323), Jackson (324 - 327)
10/27: Materialism: Caruthers (327 - 335)
10/29: Functionalism: Churchland (335 - 343)
11/3: Computers: Turing (343 - 351), Searle (351 - 358)
11/5: Personal Identity: Sider (364 - 370), Hume (375 - 377)
11/10: Exam 2

Freedom
11/12: Hard Determinism: Holbach (438 - 443)
11/17: Hard Determinism: Pereboom (443 - 455)
11/19: Libertarianism: van Inwagen (409 - 418), Kane (425 - 437)
11/24: Soft Determinism: Hume, Ayer (456 - 466), Wolf (482 - 492)

Value
12/1: Happiness: Aristotle (561 - 573)
12/3: Poverty: Singer (629 - 633)
12/8: The Absurd: Nagel (673 - 680)
12/10: tba