

## Course Outline Philosophy

<b>Days</b>	<b>What</b>	<b>How</b>
<b>Day 1: Logic</b> Morning	Introduction to basic logical concepts; “The Elements of Logic”- Blackburn, excerpts from Rosenberg, “The Practice of Philosophy”.	Lecture and problem solving.
Afternoon	Problems from <i>The Logic Book</i> .	Lecture and problem solving
Evening	Some more practice problems for Logic. Reading assignment—Descartes, <i>Meditations on First Philosophy</i> .	
<b>Day 2: Epistemology</b> Morning	Acquire a basic grasp epistemological questions; Descartes, <i>Meditations on First Philosophy</i> . Introduction by David Sosa, Nagel excerpt.	Lecture, large group and small group discussion.
Afternoon	Same	Same
Evening	Reading assignment—Berkeley, <i>Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonous</i> and Locke, <i>An Essay Concerning Human Understanding</i> .	
<b>Day 3: Epistemology</b> Morning	Acquire a basic grasp of epistemological questions; Berkeley, <i>Three Dialogues between Hylas and Philonous</i>	Lecture, large and small group discussion
Afternoon	Acquire a basic grasp of epistemological questions; Locke, <i>An Essay Concerning Human Understanding</i>	Lecture, large and small group discussion. Writing assignment: pick from a variety of short essay topics and begin writing
Evening	Reading assignment—Perry, <i>A Dialogue on Personal Identity and Immortality</i> , and finish writing assignment.	
<b>Day 4: Metaphysics— Personal Identity</b> Morning	Acquire a basic grasp of metaphysical issues concerning personal identity; Perry, <i>A Dialogue on Personal Identity and Immortality</i>	Lecture, large and small group discussion, and a clip from <i>Being John Malkovich</i>
Afternoon	Same	Same
Evening	Reading assignment—Van Inwagen, <i>The Incompatibility of Free Will and Determinism</i> and Frankfurt, <i>Alternative Possibilities and Moral Responsibility</i> .	Watch <i>Gattaca</i> .
<b>Day 5: Metaphysics— Free Will</b> Morning	Acquire a basic grasp of metaphysical issues concerning free will and determinism; Van Inwagen, <i>The Incompatibility of Free Will and Determinism</i>	Lecture, large and small group discussions
Afternoon	Acquire a basic grasp of metaphysical issues concerning free will and determinism; Mackie, <i>The Problem of Evil</i>	Lecture, large and small group discussions
Evening	Reading assignment—David Hume, <i>Of the Idea of a Necessary Connection</i> .	Watch <i>12 Angry Men</i> .

<b>Day 6: Metaphysics— Causation</b> Morning	Acquire a basic grasp of metaphysical issues concerning causation; David Hume, <i>Of the Idea of a Necessary Connection</i>	Lecture, large and small group discussions. Activity: observe & document causal interactions
Afternoon	Writing assignment for the metaphysics section	Pick one of the three topics to focus on and choose from a variety of short essay topics and begin writing.
Evening	Reading assignment—Gottlob Frege, <i>On Sense and Meaning</i> and Introduction to Philosophy of Language section by Robin Jeshion and finish writing assignment	
<b>Day 7: Philosophy of Language</b> Morning	Acquire a basic grasp of the philosophical issues concerning language; Frege, <i>On Sense and Meaning</i> .	Lecture, large and small group discussion.
Afternoon	Continue with Frege	Lecture, large and small group discussion. Play Taboo
Evening	Reading assignment—Jerry Fodor, <i>The Mind-Body Problem</i> and Introduction to Philosophy of Mind by Jesse Prinz	
<b>Day 8: Philosophy of Mind</b> Morning	Acquire a basic grasp of a major puzzle in the area of philosophy of mind; Fodor, <i>The Mind-Body Problem</i> .	Lecture, large and small group discussion
Afternoon	Continue with Fodor	Lecture, large and small group discussion. Play philo pc games <a href="http://www.epistemelinks.com">www.epistemelinks.com</a>
Evening	Reading assignment—John Searle, <i>Can Computers Think?</i>	
<b>Day 9: Philosophy of Mind</b> Morning	Acquire a basic grasp of a major puzzle in the area of philosophy of mind; Searle <i>Can Computers Think?</i>	Lecture, large and small group discussion. Debate on Artificial Intelligence
Afternoon	Writing assignment for the philosophy of mind section.	Pick from a variety of topics and write a short essay.
Evening	Reading assignment—David Hume, <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i> and Introduction to Philosophy of Science by L.A. Paul and finish writing assignment.	
<b>Day 10: Philosophy of Science</b> Morning	Acquire a basic grasp of a major puzzle in the area of philosophy of science; Hume, <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i> .	Lecture, large and small group discussion
Afternoon	Continue with Hume	Lecture, large and small group discussion
Evening	Reading assignment—Nelson Goodman, <i>The New Riddle of Induction</i> . Begin looking over final paper topics from a variety of topics	

<b>Day 11: <i>Philosophy of Science</i></b> Morning	Acquire a basic grasp of a major puzzle in the area of philosophy of science; Goodman, <i>The New Riddle of Induction</i> .	Lecture, large and small group discussions
Afternoon	Writing assignment for the Philosophy of Science Section.	Pick from a variety of topics and write a short essay.
Evening	Reading assignment—James Rachels, <i>The Challenge of Cultural Relativism</i> and The Introduction to Ethics by Stuart Rachels and finish Writing assignment.	
<b>Day 12: <i>Ethics</i></b> Morning	Acquire a basic grasp of an ethical theory, Cultural Relativism; Rachels, <i>The Challenge of Cultural Relativism</i> . Discuss Utilitarianism	Lecture, large and small group discussion. Debate on Animal Rights.
Afternoon	Acquire a basic grasp of another ethical theory, Virtue Ethics. Have the students read Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> and Bennett, <i>The Conscience of Huckleberry Finn</i> .	Read, lecture, large and small group discussion.
Evening	Read an excerpt from Plato, <i>The Euthyphro</i> . In addition pick a final paper topic and begin working on an outline.	
<b>Day 13: <i>Ethics</i></b> Morning	Acquire a basic grasp of a third ethical theory—Divine Command Theory—and objections to it. Excerpts from Plato, <i>The Euthyphro</i> .	Lecture, large and small group discussion.
Afternoon	Writing assignment for the Ethics section	Pick from a variety of topics and write a short essay.
Evening		
<b>Day 14:</b> Morning	Work on Philosophy Trivia Game.	Design questions for philosophy trivia.
Afternoon	Work on Philosophy Trivia Game.	Design questions for philosophy trivia
<b>Day 15: <i>Wrap-Up</i></b> Morning	Philosophy Trivia.	Play philosophy trivia.