

Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy, §AM3WA  
Fall 2005  
Mon, Wed: 10:50am - 12:05pm  
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## Syllabus

### Required Texts:

Rene Descartes, *Discourse on Method and Meditations on First Philosophy*, Fourth Edition, Hackett.  
Anselm, "The Ontological Argument" (handout).  
Locke, from *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (handout).  
George Berkeley, *A Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*, Hackett.  
George Berkeley, from *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous* (handout).  
David Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, Hackett.  
Plato, *The Trial and Death of Socrates*, Third Edition, Hackett.

### Tentative Schedule:

8/31 - 9/07: Introduction. Logic and argument. Background to Descartes.  
9/12 - 9/14: Descartes, Meditation I.  
9/19 - 9/21: Descartes, Meditation II.  
9/26 - 9/28: Descartes, Meditations III and IV. Anselm.  
10/3 - 10/17: Descartes, Meditations V and VI.  
10/19: **Midterm**.  
10/24 - 10/26: Locke.  
10/31 - 11/16: Berkeley.  
11/16: **Essay Due**.  
11/21 - 12/05: Hume.  
12/7 - 12/14: Plato.  
12/21: **Final Exam**, 11am - 1pm.

Class meets every Monday and Wednesday from 8/31 - 12/14 with the following exceptions:

Monday 9/5: Labor Day, the College is closed

Wednesday 10/5: No classes

Monday 10/10: No classes

**Tuesday 10/11: Classes follow a Monday schedule. We will meet.**

Wednesday 10/12: No classes

## Course Requirements

1. All the readings listed above.
2. Weekly Quizzes. (10%)
3. One 4-6 page (1000-1500 words) essay. (30%)
4. Midterm, based on the readings and lectures. (30%)
5. Final Exam. (30%)

**Note:** I do not give make-up exams. Late papers are accepted, but penalized.