

Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy, §AM3W
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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, from *Proslogion* (handout).
Rene Descartes, from *Objections and Replies* (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:

1/30 - 2/1: Introduction. Logic and argument. Background to Descartes.
2/6 - 2/8: Descartes, Meditation I.
2/15 - 2/21: Descartes, Meditation II.
2/22 - 3/1: Descartes, Meditations III and IV. Anselm.
3/6 - 3/15: Descartes, Meditations V and VI.
3/20: **Midterm**.
3/22 - 3/27: Locke.
3/29 - 4/24: Berkeley.
4/26: **Essay Due**.
4/26 - 5/10: Hume.
5/10 - 5/17: Plato.
5/24: **Final Exam**, 11am - 1pm.

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.