

Syllabus

Required Texts:

Rene Descartes, *Discourse on Method and Meditations on First Philosophy*, Fourth Edition, Hackett.
Anselm, "The Ontological Argument" (handout).
Locke, "Some Further Considerations Concerning our Simple Ideas of Sensation" (handout).
George Berkeley, *A Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*, Hackett.
David Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, Hackett.
Plato, *The Trial and Death of Socrates*, Third Edition, Hackett.

Tentative Schedule:

August 30 - September 1: Introduction. Logic and argument. Background to Descartes.
September 6: No class.
September 8 - 13: Descartes, Meditation I.
September 15: No class.
September 20 - 22: Descartes, Meditation II.
September 22 - 29: Descartes, Meditations III and IV. Anselm.
October 4 - 6: Descartes, Meditations V and VI.
October 11: No class.
October 13: Locke.
October 18: **Midterm**.
October 20 - November 8: Berkeley.
November 10: **Essay Due**.
November 10 - December 1: Hume.
November 24: No class (Friday Schedule).
December 6 - 8: Plato's *Apology* and *Crito*.
December 13 - *Tuesday* 14: Plato's *Euthyphro*.

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%)