

Philosophy 101: Introduction to Philosophy, §AM3WA
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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:

January 31 - February 2: Introduction. Logic and argument. Background to Descartes.
February 7 - 14: Descartes, Meditation I.
February 21: No class.
February 16 - 23: Descartes, Meditation II.
February 28 - March 2: Descartes, Meditations III and IV. Anselm.
March 7 - 9: Descartes, Meditations V and VI.
March 14: **Midterm**.
March 16 - 21: Locke.
March 23 - April 13: Berkeley.
March 28: No class.
April 13: **Essay Due**.
April 18 - May 9: Hume.
April 25 - 27: No class.
May 11 -18: Plato.

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.