

PHIL 100.12H
Introductory Philosophy: Humanities Colloquium
Syllabus

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Office Hours

Tuesday, 10:15-12:00
Wednesday, 9:15-11:00
Thursday, 2:15-4:00

Other times by appointment.

Schedule of Readings

The Ancient World, 6 September – 21 October

7-22 Sept	Plato, <i>Meno</i> , <i>Euthyphro</i> , <i>Apology</i> , <i>Crito</i> , <i>Phaedo</i> . [Found in <i>Five Dialogues</i>]
22 Sept	First Essay
26 Sept – 6 Oct	Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Books I and II. [Moodle]
12-20 Oct	Lucretius, <i>On the Nature of Things</i> . Books I-III, V.
20 Oct	October Quiz

The Middle Ages, 24 October – 2 December

24 Oct – 3 Nov	Boethius, <i>The Consolation of Philosophy</i> , Books I, III – V.
9 – 10 Nov	Anselm, <i>Proslogion</i> , Chs. 1-4 [Text Provided].
10 Nov – 1 Dec	Thomas Aquinas, <i>Summa theologiae (On God and Human Nature)</i> .
30 Nov	Second Essay

The Renaissance & Early Modern Period, 4 January – 17 February

4 – 5 Jan	Galileo, “The Letter to the Grand Duchess Christina” [Moodle].
9 – 19 Jan	Descartes, <i>Meditations on First Philosophy</i> .
23 – 25 Jan	Pascal, <i>Pensées</i> [Moodle].
26 Jan – 9 Feb	Hume, <i>An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding</i> .
13 – 16 Feb	Kant, <i>The Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , First Section and Second Section on Categorical Imperative. [Moodle].
16 Feb	Third Essay

The Modern Age, 27 February – 7 April

27 Feb – 8 Mar	Kierkegaard, <i>Fear and Trembling</i> .
9 Mar – 22 Mar	John Stuart Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> .
22 Mar	Fourth Essay
23 – 30 Mar	Nietzsche, <i>The Genealogy of Morality</i> , Preface, 1 st & 2 nd Treatises.
3 – 6 Apr	Review

Texts for the Course

The following texts, in the order in which they will be used in the course, will be available in the bookstore (The Campus Store):

Plato, *Five Dialogues* (trans. Grube/Cooper). Hackett. ISBN: 978-0-87220-635-5.

Lucretius, *On the Nature of Things* (trans. Smith). Hackett. ISBN: 978-0-87220-587-8.

Boethius, *The Consolation of Philosophy* (trans. Slavitt). Harvard. ISBN: 978-0-674-04835-5.

Thomas Aquinas, *On God and Human Nature: Texts from Summa theologiae* (trans. Baldner). St.F.X. Printing.

René Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy* (ed. Bailey; trans. Johnston). Broadview. ISBN 978-1-55481-152-6.

David Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (ed. Falkenstein). Broadview. 978-1-55111-802-4.

Soren Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling* (trans.Hannay). Penguin. ISBN: 0-14-044449-1.

John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism* (ed. Bailey). Broadview. ISBN: 978-1-55481-315-5.

Friedrich Nietzsche, *The Genealogy of Morality* (trans. Clark/Swensen). Hackett. ISBN: 978-0-87220-283-2.

The following texts, in order of use, will be available either on Moodle or as handouts:

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Books I & II.

Anselm, *Proslogion*, Chs. 1-4.

Galileo, “The Letter to the Grand Duchess Christina”.

Pascal, *Pensées*.

Immanuel Kant, *The Foundations of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Section 1 and First Part of Section 2.

Grading for the Course

First Essay	5%
Quiz	10%
Second Essay	10%
Christmas Exam	25%
Third Essay	10%
Fourth Essay	10%
Final Exam	30%

Late Essays

Late essays will be accepted but with a penalty of one point deducted from the grade of the paper per day late.

Class Attendance

The texts assigned in this course are written in styles that are foreign to most undergraduate readers, and the ideas conveyed in them are difficult to comprehend. These texts can take you into beautiful, new worlds, but you have to allow them to lead you, and you need help. The help is ready for you: it comes in each class, where your professor will patiently explain any difficulties in the texts or the ideas. This help cannot be given if you are not willing to receive it. To succeed in this course you must attend classes and do the assigned readings *before* each class. You will not understand everything in the readings, but the class sessions will help you to understand what you cannot on your own. Attendance will be taken in class, but the responsibility for attendance is yours.

Academic Integrity

Please note the information given about the University Academic Integrity Policy in the *Academic Calendar*, 3.8. You are completely free to use any academic sources, including those found on the internet, to aid you in the writing of your essays. **If you do use any academic sources by citing, quoting, paraphrasing, or by using information or terminology, you must give a full reference to any such source. Failure to cite your sources can result in severe academic penalties, including dismissal from the University.** If you have any doubts about what might or might not be appropriate, please get in touch with me. In addition, the instructors in the Writing Centre can help you to understand what is permissible and what is not.

Classroom Courtesy

- It is a great convenience, for some, to use electronic devices in class for note-taking only. If you bring electronic devices to this classroom, please do not disturb your fellow students by the use of them for activities other than classroom work. Do not surf the internet, text your friends, or make or receive phone calls. Noisy typing is an irritation; be considerate.
- Please do not have private conversations during class; they are disturbing and rude.
- Be on time for class! Late arrivals are a disturbance for everyone.
- Classes are short and intense. Be present and concentrate. Do not do anything to disturb others.