**Introduction to Philosophy** (Phil103/3) / Fall 2013

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Core Curriculum Learning Goal: This course meets goal 'o': 'Examine critically philosophical and other theoretical issues concerning the nature of reality, human experience, knowledge, and value."

Course requirements: three exams (2nd exam is 40% of course grade, each other exam 30%)

Text: Feinberg and Shafer-Landau, *Reason and Responsibility*, 15th edition.

Tentative Schedule (subject to change):

9/4: The Value of Philosophy
9/9: Arguments: Feinberg (1 - 7), Russell ( 20 - 23 )

Religion

9/11: Ontological Argument: Anselm, Gaunilo, Rowe ( 30 - 44 )
9/16: Cosmological Argument: Aquinas, Clarke, Rowe (45 - 55 )
9/18: Teleological Argument: Paley (56 - 61), Hume Part V (72 - 74)
9/23: Evil: Hume Parts X, XI (84 -94), Dostoevsky, Mackie ( 94 - 107)
9/25: Evil: van Inwagen ( 108 - 116)
9/30: Faith: Pascal, Blackburn (142 - 151), Clifford, James (125 - 137)
10/2: Exam 1

Knowledge

10/7: Skepticism: Descartes (199 - 203)
10/9: Rationalism: Descartes (203 - 207)
10/14: Empiricism: Locke (231 - 238), Hume (249 - 257)
10/16: Induction: Salmon ( 274 – 292 )

Minds

10/21: Dualism: Descartes (221 - 229 ),
10/23: Dualism: Gertler (312 - 323), Jackson (324 - 327)
10/28: Materialism: Caruthers (327 - 335)
10/30: Functionalism: Churchland ( 335 - 343)
11/4: Computers: Turing (343 - 351), Searle (351 - 358 )
11/6: Personal Identity: Sider (364 - 370 ), Hume (375 - 377 )
11/11: Exam 2

Freedom

11/13: Hard Determinism: Holbach (438 - 443)
11/18: Hard Determinism: Pereboom (443 - 455)
11/20: Libertarianism: van Inwagen (409 - 418), Kane (425 - 437)
11/25 : Soft Determinism: Hume, Ayer (456 - 466)
12/2: Soft Determinism: Wolf (482 - 492 )

Value

12/4: Happiness: Aristotle (561 - 573)
12/9: Poverty: Singer ( 629 - 633 )
12/11: The Absurd: Nagel (673 - 680 )