

## FALL 2023 Phil 6 Course Schedule

All 10 [Reading Quizzes](#) are due on **Mondays** at 11:59pm

All 10 [Short Discussions](#) are due on **Mondays** at 11:59pm

All 4 [Critical Discussion Pt 1s](#) are due on **Wednesdays** at 11:59pm

All 4 [Critical Discussion Pt 2s](#) are due on **Fridays** at 11:59pm

All 6 [Lecturer Quizzes](#) are due on **Sundays** at 11:59pm

WEEK	DATE	TOPIC(S) OF THE WEEK	READING(S) FOR THE WEEK	ASSIGNMENT(S) DUE THIS WEEK
1	8.29 8.31	Introduction	None	Who is You? due Fri at 11:59pm
2	9.5 9.7	Elements of Argument	Cahn, The Elements of Argument (45 – 53) Barker, Improving Your Thinking (53 – 58) Cahn, Necessary and Sufficient Conditions (58 – 60)	<a href="#">Short Discussion #1</a> <a href="#">Lecture Quiz #1</a>

		PART I: EPISTEMOLOGY		
3	9.12 9.14	What is Knowledge?	Nagel, Knowing vs. Thinking (68 – 70) Gettier, Is Justified True Belief Knowledge? (70 – 71)	<a href="#">Short Discussion #2</a> <a href="#">Reading Quiz #1</a>
4	9.19 9.21	Rationalism & Empiricism	Descartes, Meditations on First Philosophy (121 – 125) Locke, An Essay Concerning Human Understanding (125 – 131)	<a href="#">Short Discussion #3</a> <a href="#">Reading Quiz #2</a>
5	9.26 9.28	Caring & Epistemic Injustice	Zagzebski, Caring and Epistemic Demands (65 – 68) Fricker, Testimonial Injustice (See PDF on Canvas)	<a href="#">Critical Discussion #1 Pt 1</a> <a href="#">Critical Discussion #1 Pt 2</a> <a href="#">Lecture Quiz #2</a>

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		PART II: GOD & RELIGION		
6	10.3 10.5	Does God Exist?	Anselm, The Ontological Argument (310 – 314) Aquinas, Summa Theologiae (314 - 316) Scriven, Faith and Reason (303 – 307)	<a href="#">Short Discussion #4</a> <a href="#">Reading Quiz #3</a>
7	10.10 10.12	The Problem of Evil & Faith	Swinburne, Why God Allows Evil (288 – 298) James, The Will to Believe (342 – 354)	<a href="#">Short Discussion #5</a> <a href="#">Reading Quiz #4</a> <a href="#">Lecture Quiz #3</a>

		PART III: METAPHYSICS		
8	10.17 10.19	Mind & Body Problem	Ryle, The Ghost in the Machine (157 – 161) Taylor, Body and Soul (161 – 164)	<a href="#">Critical Discussion #2 Pt 1</a> <a href="#">Critical Discussion #2 Pt 2</a>
9	10.24 10.26	Mind & Body Problem	Churchland, The Mind-Body Problem (164 – 176) Nagel, What Is It Like to Be a Bat? (177 – 180)	<a href="#">Short Discussion #6</a> <a href="#">Reading Quiz #5</a>
10	10.31 11.2	Free Will	Nagel, Free Will (205 – 210) Stace, Free Will and Determinism (210 – 212) James, The Dilemma of Determinism (241 – 253)	<a href="#">Short Discussion #7</a> <a href="#">Reading Quiz #6</a> <a href="#">Lecture Quiz #4</a>

11	11.7 11.9	Free Will Personal Identity	Wolf, Asymmetrical Freedom (See PDF on Canvas) Smart, A Case of Identity (257 – 259)	Reading Quiz #7 Critical Discussion #3 Pt 1 Critical Discussion #3 Pt 2
12	11.14 11.16	Personal Identity	Perry, The Problem of Personal Identity (259 – 261) Parfit, The Unimportance of Identity (261 – 265)	Short Discussion #8 Reading Quiz #8 Lecture Quiz #5
13	11.21 11.23	11.21 Personal Day (No Class) 11.23 Thanksgiving (No Class)	None	None

		PART IV: ETHICS & MEANING		
14	11.28 11.30	Abortion	Hursthouse, Abortion (424 – 432) Thomson, The Trolley Problem (629 – 630) Thomson, Turning the Trolley (630 – 633)	Short Discussion #9 Reading Quiz #9 Critical Discussion #4 Pt 1 Critical Discussion #4 Pt 2
15	12.5 12.7	Life & Death	Wolf, Meaning in Life (609 – 612) Moller, Love and Death (See PDF on Canvas)	Reading Quiz #10 Lecture Quiz #6
16	12.12 12.14	Finals Week (No Class)	None	Final Paper due Mon at 11:59pm