

Intro Phil, Spring 2026, Detailed Course Schedule

This course schedule is a guide to the course and is subject to change with advance notice.

Day	Topic	Lecture	Reading	Pages
Wed, Jan 07	Socrates	Lecture 1: The Enigma of Socrates	N/A	N/A
Fri, Jan 09	Socrates	Lecture 2: The Socratic Conception of Philosophy	Plato: Apology Shand: Introduction 1–10	8–13
Mon, Jan 12	Socrates	Lecture 3: Arguments and Validity	Plato: Apology	13–20
Wed, Jan 14	Free Will	Lecture 4: Do We Have Free Will?	Hume: Of Liberty and Necessity	1–5
Fri, Jan 16	Free Will	Lecture 5: Hume’s View	Hume: Of Liberty and Necessity	5–10
Mon, Jan 19	MLK Day	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wed, Jan 21	Free Will	Lecture 6: Incompatibilism	Hume: Of Liberty and Necessity	10–16
Fri, Jan 23	Pascal’s Wager	Lecture 7: God and Gambling	Pascal: Infinite—Nothing	1–9
Mon, Jan 26	Pascal’s Wager	Lecture 8: The Wager	Korman: Why You Should Bet on God	32–39
Wed, Jan 28	Pascal’s Wager	Lecture 9: The Many Gods Objection	Korman: Why You Should Bet on God	39–46
Fri, Jan 30	The Problem of Evil	Lecture 10: Suffering and Evil	Dostoevsky: Rebellion	1–8
Mon, Feb 02	The Problem of Evil	Lecture 11: The Logical Problem of Evil	Antony: No Good Reason—Exploring the Problem of Evil	36–41

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Wed, Feb 04	The Problem of Evil	Lecture 12: The Evidential Problem of Evil	Antony: No Good Reason— Exploring the Problem of Evil Howard-Snyder: God, Evil, and Suffering	41–45 76–86
Fri, Feb 06	The Problem of Evil	Lecture 13: Theodicy	Howard-Snyder: God, Evil, and Suffering	86–101
Mon, Feb 09	Exam 1 Review	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wed, Feb 11	Exam 1	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fri, Feb 13	Personal Identity	Lecture 14: Identity and the Soul	Perry: The First Night	1–4
Mon, Feb 16	Personal Identity	Lecture 15: The Body View	Perry: The First Night	4–10
Wed, Feb 18	Personal Identity	Lecture 16: The Memory View	Perry: The Second Night	10–14
Fri, Feb 20	Personal Identity	Lecture 17: Forgetting and Duplication	Perry: The Second Night	15–20
Mon, Feb 23	Skepticism	Lecture 18: Skepticism	Descartes: Meditation I and II	13–21
Wed, Feb 25	Skepticism	Lecture 19: Descartes’s Method	Descartes: Meditation II Chisholm: The Problem of the Criterion	21–24 61–66
Fri, Feb 27	Skepticism	Lecture 20: Methodism and Particularism	Chisholm: The Problem of the Criterion	66–70
Mon, Mar 02	Disagreement	Lecture 21: Epistemic Peer Disagreement	Feldman: Reasonable Religious Disagreement	194–202
Wed, Mar 04	Disagreement	Lecture 22: The Equal Weight View	Feldman: Reasonable	202–209

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			Religious Disagreement	
Fri, Mar 06	Disagreement	Lecture 23: The Self-Undermining Objection	Feldman: Reasonable Religious Disagreement	209–214
Mon, Mar 09	Exam 2 Review	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wed, Mar 11	Exam 2	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fri, Mar 13	Effective Altruism	Lecture 24: Singer’s Conclusion	Singer: The Singer Solution to World Poverty	60–63
Mon, Mar 16	Spring Break	N/A	N/A	N/A
Wed, Mar 18	Spring Break	N/A	N/A	N/A
Fri, Mar 20	Spring Break	N/A	N/A	N/A
Mon, Mar 23	Effective Altruism	Lecture 25: The Realist Conception of Ethics	Shafer-Landau: Ethical Subjectivism	9–12
Wed, Mar 25	Effective Altruism	Lecture 26: Utilitarianism	Mill: Utilitarianism	596–600
Fri, Mar 27	Effective Altruism	Lecture 27: The Utilitarian Argument for EA	Mill: Utilitarianism	600–606
Mon, Mar 30	Effective Altruism	Lecture 28: Deontology	Kagan: Deontology	70–74
Wed, Apr 01	Effective Altruism	Lecture 29: Personal Commitments	Kagan: Deontology	74–78
Fri, Apr 03	Disability	Lecture 30: Harm and Disability	Barnes: Causing Disability	1–4
Mon, Apr 06	Disability	Lecture 31: Well-Being	Nozick: The Experience Machine	1–6
Wed, Apr 08	Disability	Lecture 32: The Mere Difference View	Barnes: Causing Disability	5–9
Fri, Apr 10	Animals	Lecture 33: Animal Pain	Gruen: Eating Animals	76–86

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Mon, Apr 13	Animals	Lecture 34: The Consequentialist Argument	Gruen: Eating Animals	92–98
Wed, Apr 15	Animals	Lecture 35: The Causal Involvement Argument	Gruen: Eating Animals	98–101
Fri, Apr 17	Stoicism	Lecture 36: Indifferents	Seneca: On Anger	1–8
Mon, Apr 20	Stoicism	Lecture 37: The Counterproductivity Critique	Seneca: On Anger	8–13
Wed, Apr 22	Stoicism	Lecture 38: Apt Anger	Srinivasan: The Aptness of Anger	123–131
Fr, Apr 24	Exam 3 Review	N/A	N/A	N/A
Tue, Apr 28	Exam 3 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Regular Class Location	N/A	N/A	N/A