

Course Schedule

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

Day	Lecture	Reading	Pages
Wednesday, Jan 7	How Did We Get Here?	N/A <i>Recommended</i> Ney: Preparatory Background Logic for Metaphysics	N/A
Monday, Jan 12	Existence	Rea: Ch 2 Quine: On What There Is	12–17 1–9
Wednesday, Jan 14	Ontological Commitment	Rea: Ch 2 Quine: On What There Is	17–24 9–19
Monday, Jan 19	MLK Day	N/A	N/A
Wednesday, Jan 21	Modality	Rea: Ch 3 Kripke: Lecture 1 of Naming and Necessity	53–56 34–53
Monday, Jan 26	Modal Realism	Rea: Ch 3 Lewis: A Philosopher's Paradise	56–64 208–216
Wednesday, Jan 28	Counterfactuals and Causation	Lowe: Counterfactual Conditionals	137–151
Monday, Feb 2	Actualism	Rea: Ch 4 Plantinga: Two Concepts of Modality	65–70 189–202
Wednesday, Feb 4	Universals	Rea: Ch 3 Spade: Introduction	29–30, 38– 41 vii–viii

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		Armstrong: Universals as Attributes	332–337
Monday, Feb 9	Sets and Tropes	Rea: Ch 3 Campbell: The Metaphysics of Abstract Particulars	41–49 Sections 1, 2, 5, and 7
Wednesday, Feb 11	Substances and Bundles	Rea: Ch 10 Black: The Identity of Indiscernibles	103–110 153–163
Monday, Feb 16	Eternalism	Dainton: The Block Universe	27–34
Wednesday, Feb 18	Presentism	Zimmerman: The Privileged Present	211–223
Monday, Feb 23	Temporal Parts	Rea: Ch 9 Sider: Temporal Parts	144–152 Sections 1, 2, 3.0, and 3.5
Wednesday, Feb 25	Endurantism	Merricks: Endurance and Indiscernibility	165–171 and 175–180
Monday, March 2	Material Composition Paper 1 Due	Van Inwagen: When Are Objects Parts?	21–34
Wednesday, Mar 4	Revisionary Theories of Composition	Van Inwagen: When Are Objects Parts? Korman, Ch 1 and Ch 3	34–40 1–3 and 13– 25
Monday, Mar 9	Conservatism	Korman, Ch 2 and Ch 4	4–12 and 26–35
Wednesday, Mar 11	The Principle of Charity	Korman Ch 4	35–40
Monday,	Spring Break	N/A	N/A

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Mar 16			
Wednesday, Mar 18	Spring Break	N/A	N/A
Monday, Mar 23	Ontological Compatibilism	Korman, Ch 5	41–62
Wednesday, Mar 25	Debunking Arguments	Korman, Ch 7	91–96, 99–105, and 111–123
Monday, Mar 30	Arbitrariness Arguments	Korman, Ch 8	124–137 and 139–152
Wednesday, Apr 1	Vagueness	Sainsbury: Vagueness: The Paradox of the Heap	40–51
Monday, Apr 6	The Argument from Vagueness	Korman, Ch 9	160–165 and 172–182
Wednesday, Apr 8	The Overdetermination Argument	Korman, Ch 10	191–202
Monday, Apr 13	Constitution	Korman, Ch 11	203–216
Wednesday, Apr 15	The Problem of the Many	Korman, Ch 12	217–225
Monday, Apr 20	TBD	TBD	TBD
Wednesday, Apr 22	TBD Paper 2	TBD	TBD
Due Friday, Apr 24			