Readings:

<u>Required Text</u> – *Introduction to Philosophy: Classical and Contemporary Readings.* Eighth edition. eds. John Perry, Michael Bratman & John Martin Fischer

* Please note, this text has been issued in multiple editions, and thus it has been substantially revised. You may opt to purchase a new copy of the most current edition, available at the University Bookstore; however, if you are able to, you may purchase a used copy of the earlier *sixth* or *seventh* editions. Please note that earlier editions have different pagination, and any edition older than the sixth may not contain all the reading.

<u>Additional Readings</u> – will be posted on the course web-site (Course Spaces), accessible through UVic's 'My Page'

Evaluation

<u>Participation</u> = 10%

Your participation grade for the course will be based on the following criteria:

> 1. *Regular attendance at lecture.* You are expected to attend all lectures. Absence from lecture requires an explanation. I will randomly be tak

PART I – INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY		
Unit 1	Welcome to Philosophy!	Introduction to First Term: Syllabus – no reading
Unit 2	What is Philosophy?	'Philosophy: Introduction pp. 1-7 'Logical Toolkit' pp. 8-13
Unit 3	Meet a Philosopher!	Plato, 'Apology: Defence of Socrates' pp. 21-36
PART II – PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION		
Does God exist, and if so, are there valid arguments that prove his existence? It is argued that God's nature is such that he is omnipotent (all powerful), omniscient (all seeing) and omnibenevolent (all good); but, if this is the case, how can there be evil in the world?		
Unit 1	Does God Exist?	Saint Anselm, 'The Ontological Argument' pp. 40-42 Saint Thomas Aquinas, 'The Existence of God' pp.42-44 William Paley, 'Natural Theology' pp. 45-49
Unit 2	Doesn't God Exist?	Bertrand Russell, 'Why I Am Not a Christian' (Course Spaces)
Unit 3		

PART IV – MINDS, BODIES AND PERSONS