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The aim of this course is to get you involved in the activity of philosophy. We will spend our time thinking about some of life's big questions, working to understand how some great thinkers have tried







Any changes to this schedule will be posted on the Brightspace page.

"S&D" stands for Stich and Donaldson's




Readings not in S&D or in the texts by Dennett and Perry can be found through the Brightspace page.

W 9/9 S&D Chapter 1: *What is philosophy?*

F 9/11 S&D Chapter 2: *What are arguments and how should we evaluate them?*

T 9/15 *continued*

W 9/16 Introduction to Ethics



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T 10/13 S&D Chapter 15: What should we do? (Part II), Section 4 (abortion)

Review

F 10/16 Perry *The First Night*
S&D Chapter 11: *Will you be the same person in ten years? Could you survive your death?* Sections 1—3

T 10/20 *Workshop for Writing Assignment 2*

T 10/20 **Writing Assignment 2 Due**

Perry *The Second Night*
S&D Chapter 11: *Will you be the same person in ten years? Could you survive your death?* Section 4

W 10/21 Perry *The Third Night*
S&D Chapter 11: *Will you be the same person in ten years? Could you survive your death?* Section 5

F 10/23 Velleman *So It Goes*

T 10/27 Plato

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F 10/30 Plato
Russell *The World of Universals*

T 11/3 Descartes *Meditation One*
S&D Chapter 13: *What really matters?*, Sections 1—3

W 11/4 Descartes *Meditation Two*
S&D Chapter 13: *What really matters?*, Section 4

F 11/6 *continued*

F 11/13 Descartes *Meditations Three through Six*
S&D Chapter 5: *Can we be completely certain about anything?*, Sections 5—9

T 11/17 *continued*
Workshop for Writing Assignment 3

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W 11/18 Russell *Appearance and Reality, The Existence of Matter*

F 11/20 Writing Assignment Three Due

Locke from

S&D Chapter 6: *Can we trust our senses?*, Sections 1—3

T 11/24 Berkeley, First Dialogue

S&D Chapter 6: *Can we trust our senses?*, Sections 4 & 5

W 11/25 Berkeley, Third Dialogue

S&D Chapter 6: *Can we trust our senses?*, Sections 6—7

T 12/1 Workshop for Writing Assignment 4