

Philosophy 251 (A01): Knowledge, Certainty and Skepticism [22405]
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Plagiarism and other forms of cheating will not be tolerated. It is each student's responsibility to know the University's regulations in this regard. The Policy on Academic Integrity is published in the University Calendar.² You can also consult the Libraries' plagiarism guide.³

Expectations

Students are expected to come to class having read the assigned readings, and prepared to talk and ask questions about the material. Students who miss a class are responsible for any material

Berkeley, excerpts from *A Treatise Concerning The Principles of Knowledge* (HK)

Week 5 (Feb. 7, 10): Hume's 'scepticism'

Hume, excerpts from the *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (HK)

Week 6 (Feb. 14, 17)

Ayer, "The Argument from Illusion" (Brightspace)

Reid, excerpts from *An Inquiry Into the Human Mind* (HK)

recommended: re-read Russell, "Appearance, Reality, and Knowledge by Acquaintance" (from Wk.1)

Week 7 (Feb. 28, March 3):

Moore, "Proof of an External World" (HK)

Bonjour, "Skepticism" (pp. 257-267 are the most important) (Brightspace)

Strawson, "Skepticism, Naturalism, and Transcendental Arguments" (HK)

optional: Wittgenstein, "Cause and Effect: Intuitive Awareness" (HK)

optional: Sextus Empiricus, excerpts from "Outlines of Pyrrhonism" (HK)

Week 8 (March 7, 10):

Gettier, "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?" (HK)

Feldman, "An Alleged Defect in Gettier Counterexamples" (HK)

Pollock, "The Gettier Problem" (HK)

Week 9 (March 14, 17):

Sosa, excerpt from "The Raft and the Pyramid..." (HK pp. 380-387, to end of Section 5)

Audi, "Contemporary Foundationalism" (Brightspace)

optional: Lehrer, "Systematic Justification" (Brightspace)

Week 10 (March 21, 24):

Goldman, "Reliabilism: What is Justified Belief?" (Brightspace)

optional: Feldman and Conee, "Evidentialism" (HK)

Week 11 (March 28, 31):

Fumerton, “The Internalism/Externalism Controversy” (U
Foley, “Rationality and Knowledge” (Brightspace)

Week 12 (April 4, 7): Continued, Catch-up; Review

**Final Exam:* The first term exam period runs April 11-29. The
will be set by the University as the end of term approaches.

Some important administrative dates:¹¹

Sun., Jan. 23: last day for 100% reduction of fees.

Wed., Jan. 26: last day to for adding first-term courses.

Sun., Feb. 13