

# ***Philosophy 101: Course Calendar***

## ***Introduction***

### ***Monday, June 23rd***

#### *Topics*

- What is philosophy?
- Overview of the course. What is this class about? What is this class *not* about?
- Expectations and procedures

### ***Tuesday, June 24th***

#### *Topics*

- Plato and Socrates
- Plato's career
- Introduction to the *Gorgias*
- Socrates and Gorgias.

#### *Reading*

- *Gorgias*, 447a-455a (these numbers correspond to the numbers in the column of your text)

### ***Wednesday, June 25th***

#### *Topic*

- Socrates and Polus: Does the tyrant have power in the city?
- How to write a philosophy paper.

#### *Reading*

- *Gorgias*, 455a-466a

### ***Thursday, June 26th***

#### *Topic*

- Socrates and Polus: Is it better to suffer injustice than commit it?

#### *Reading*

- *Gorgias*, 466a-469a

#### *Deadline*

- First Draft of Assignment #1 (See Assignment Sheet)

### ***Friday, June 27th***

*Section*

## ***Unit One: Plato's Gorgias***

***Monday, June 30th***

*Topic*

- Socrates and Callicles: But seriously, is it better to suffer injustice than commit it?
- Comments on your first papers.

*Reading*

- *Gorgias*, 469a-481a

***Tuesday, July 1st***

*Topic*

- Socrates and Callicles again

*Reading*

- *Gorgias*, 481a-491d.

***Wednesday, July 2nd***

*Topic*

- Socrates and Callicles again

*Reading*

- *Gorgias*, 491d to the end.

## ***Unit Two: Epictetus' Handbook***

***Thursday, July 3rd***

*Reading*

- Epictetus. *The Handbook* (all)

*Deadline*

- First Draft of Assignment #2

***Monday, July 7th***

*Reading*

- Epictetus. *The Handbook* (all)

*Deadline*

- Second Draft of Assignment #1

***Tuesday, July 8th***

*Topic*

- More discussion of *The Handbook*

***Wednesday, July 9th***

*Topic*

*Reading*

- Butler. *Sermons*, Sermons I and II

***Unit Three: Butler's Sermons***

***Thursday, July 10th***

*Topic*

*Reading*

- Butler. *Sermons*, Sermon III

*Deadline*

- First draft of Assignment #3 (See Assignment Sheet)

***Friday, July 11th***

*Section*

- Topic: Epictetus and Butler

***Monday, July 14th***

*Topic*

- Desire and Pleasure

*Reading*

- Butler. *Sermons*, Sermon IV + Preface \_\_\_\_

*Deadline*

- Second draft of Assignment #2

***Tuesday, July 15th***

*Reading*

- Butler. *Sermons*, Sermon V and *Treatise on Virtue*

***Wednesday, July 16th***

*Topic*

- Incompatibilism

*Reading*

- Van Inwagen. 'The Incompatibility of Free Will and Determinism' (Electronic Reserve)

*Deadline*

- First draft of Assignment #4

***Unit Four: Freedom and Responsibility***

***Thursday, July 17th***

*Topic*

- Ayer on Incompatibilism

*Reading*

- Ayer. 'Freedom and Necessity' (Electronic Reserve)

***Friday, July 18th***

*Section*

- Topic: Van Inwagen and Ayer.

***Monday, July 21st***

*Topic*

- Frankfurt on Freedom and Moral Responsibility

*Reading*

- Frankfurt. 'Alternate Possibilities and Moral Responsibility,' (Available on JSTOR<sup>1</sup>)

*Deadline*

- Second Draft of Assignment #3

***Tuesday, July 22nd***

*Topic*

- Discussion of Frankfurt continued

***Wednesday, July 23rd***

*Topic*

- Another paper by Frankfurt

*Reading*

- Frankfurt. 'Freedom of the Will and the Concept of a Person.' (Available on JSTOR<sup>2</sup>)

*Deadline*

- First draft of Assignment #5

***Thursday, July 24th***

*Topic*

- Discussion of Frankfurt continued

***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_

*Topic*

- Watson on free will and moral psychology

*Reading*

- Watson. 'Free Agency' (Available on JSTOR<sup>3</sup>)

***Date:*** \_\_\_\_\_

*Topic*

- Frankfurt Responds

*Reading*

<sup>1</sup> <http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-362X%2819691204%2966%3A23%3C829%3AAPAMR%3E2.0.CO%3B2-E>

<sup>2</sup> <http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-362X%2819710114%2968%3A1%3C5%3AFOTWAT%3E2.0.CO%3B2-G>

<sup>3</sup> <http://links.jstor.org/sici?sici=0022-362X%2819750424%2972%3A8%3C205%3AFA%3E2.0.CO%3B2-U>

- Frankfurt. 'Identification and Wholeheartedness' (Electronic Reserve)

***Date: Monday, July 28th***

*Deadline*

- Second draft of Assignment #4

***Date: Thursday, July 31st***

*Topic*

- Review.

*Deadline*

- Second draft of Assignment #5

**The Exam is a take home exam. See Assignment Sheet for details.**