

# Introduction to Philosophy

## Required Text

Rosen, Gideon; Byrne, Alex; Cohen, Joshua; Harman, Elizabeth & Shiffrin, Seana (eds.) (2018).  
*The Norton Introduction to Philosophy, 2nd Edition*. W. W. Norton & Company.

## Course Schedule

Date	Topic	Reading
<b>INTRODUCTION</b>		
<b>Week 1</b>	Overview and Introduction	Russell - The Value of Philosophy Franklin - Thirteen Virtues
<b>Week 2</b>	Logic, Arguments, and Reasoning	Rosen et al. - Getting Started
<b>PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION</b>		
<b>Week 3</b>	Ontological & Cosmological Arguments	Rosen et al. - Does God Exist? Anselm - The Ontological Argument from <i>Proslogion</i> Aquinas - The Five Ways from <i>Summa Theologica</i>
<b>Week 4</b>	Teleological Arguments	Paley - The Argument from Design from <i>Natural Theology</i> White - The Argument from Cosmological Fine-Tuning
<b>Week 5</b>	The Problem of Evil	Antony - No Good Reason: Exploring the Problem of Evil Stump - The Problem of Evil
<b>Week 6</b>	Practical and Epistemic Rationality	Rosen et al. - Is it Reasonable to Believe without Evidence? Pascal - The Wager from <i>Pensées</i> Hájek - Pascal's Ultimate Gamble Plantinga - Is Belief in God Properly Basic
<b>EPISTEMOLOGY</b>		
<b>Week 7</b>	Knowledge	Rosen - What is Knowledge? Plato - Selection from <i>Meno</i> Gettier - Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?

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<b>Week 8</b>	External World Skepticism	Rosen et al. - How Can We Know About the External World? Descartes - <i>Meditation I</i> Hume - Of Skepticism with Regard to the Senses from <i>A Treatise of Human Nature</i> Moore - Proof of an External World Vogel - Skepticism and Inference to the Best Explanation
<b>METAPHYSICS AND MIND</b>		
<b>Week 9</b>	Dualism	Rosen et al. - Is Mind Material? Descartes - From <i>Meditation II</i> and <i>Meditation IV</i> Elisabeth - Correspondence with Descartes
<b>Week 10</b>	Materialism	Ryle - Descartes' Myth Smart - Sensations and Brain Processes Searle - Can Computers Think?
<b>Week 11</b>	Consciousness	Rosen et al. - What is Consciousness? Nagel - What Is It Like to Be a Bat? Jackson - Epiphenomenal Qualia Churchland - Are Mental States Irreducible to Neurobiological States? Chalmers - The Hard Problem of Consciousness
<b>ETHICS</b>		
<b>Week 12</b>	Free Will & Responsibility	Rosen et al. - Do We Possess Free Will? Strawson - Free Will Chisholm - Human Freedom and the Self Frankfurt - Freedom of the Will and the Concept of a Person
<b>Week 13</b>	Moral Theories	Rosen et al. - Which Moral Theory Is Correct? Mill - Selection from <i>Utilitarianism</i> Kant - Selection from <i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> Aristotle - Selection from <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i>
<b>Week 14</b>	Ethical Issues	Rosen et al. - What Is the Right Thing to Do? Singer - Famine, Affluence, and Morality Thomson - A Defense of Abortion Harman - The Moral Significance of Animal Pain

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<b>Week 15</b>	Metaethics	Rosen et al. - Is Morality Objective? Mackie - The Subjectivity of Values Enoch - Why I Am an Objectivist about Ethics (and Why You Are Too) Street - Does Anything Really Matter or Did We Just Evolve to Think So?
<b>Alternatively</b>	<b>POLITICAL PHILOSOPHY</b>	
<b>Week 15</b>	Political Philosophy	Rosen et al. - How Can the State Be Justified? Aristotle - Selection from <i>Politics</i> Hobbes - Selection from <i>Leviathan</i> Rousseau - Selection from <i>The Social Contract</i>