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| **Week** | **Required Reading** | **Recommended Reading** | **Assignment** |
| 1. ***Course Mechanics, Theory Primer, and Philosophical Argumentation***   *6/23-6/27* | * Benjamin Hole, Phil 102 Syllabus * Lewis Vaughn (posted on website), “How to Read an Argument” * Mark Timmons, “Moral Theory Primer” | * Jim Pryor ([electronic](http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/reading.html)), “Guidelines on Reading Philosophy” * Concepción (posted on website), handout from “Reading Philosophy with Background Knowledge and Metacognition,” *Teaching Philosophy* 2004 | ***WA1, due 6/27*** |
| 1. ***Philosophical Writing and Ethical Theory***   *6/30-7/3*  *(Holiday, 7/4)* | * Mark B. Woodhouse (posted on website), “How to Write Philosophy” * James Rachels (posted on website), “The Challenge of Cultural Relativism” * Jeremy Bentham (posted on website), “The Principle of Utility” * Robert Nozick, “The Experience Machine” (posted on website) | * Jim Pryor ([electronic](http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/writing.html)), “Guidelines for Writing Philosophy” * [Logic Web Tutor](http://www.poweroflogic.com/cgi/menu.cgi) (a free tutorial to accompany *The Power of Logic*, by Frances Howard-Snyder, Daniel Howard-Snyder, and Ryan Wasserman) * Gary Hardegree ([electronic](https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/851589/files/24577628/download?wrap=1)), *Symbolic Logic: A First Course* (2nd edition), Chapter 1: BASIC CONCEPTS OF LOGIC | *None* |
| 1. ***Ethical Theory***   *7/7-7/11* | * J.S. Mill ([electronic](http://www.utilitarianism.com/ol/one.html)), *On Liberty*, Chapters 1-2 * Immanuel Kant (posted on website), “The Moral Law” | * David Boaz, “Drug-Free America or Free America?” * Berlin, I. ([electronic](https://www.wiso.uni-hamburg.de/fileadmin/wiso_vwl/johannes/Ankuendigungen/Berlin_twoconceptsofliberty.pdf)) “Two Concepts of Liberty” 1958 * Onora O'Neill ([electronic](http://people.morrisville.edu/~galuskwj/oneill.html)), “A Simplified Account of Kant's Ethics,” excerpted from Matters of Life and Death, McGraw-Hill 1986 * J. David Velleman ([electronic](http://www.tc.umn.edu/~ston0235/3311/velleman.pdf)), A BRIEF INTRODUCTION TO KANTIAN ETHICS. | ***WA2, due 7/8*** |
| 1. ***Introduction to Sexual Ethics***   *7/14-7/18* | * Thomas Mappes, “A Liberal View of Sexual Morality and the concept of Using Another Person” * The Catholic Church, “Vatican Declaration on Some Questions in Sexual Ethics” * John Corvino, “A Defense of Homosexuality” | * Onora O'Neill, (posted on course website), “Between Consenting Adults,” *Philosophy & Public Affairs*, 1985 * Ann Baker (posted on website), “An Introduction to Philosophical Thinking,” excerpted selections on objections and responses * Maggie Gallagher, “Normal Marriage: Two Views” * Evan Wolfson, “Enough Marriage to Share” | *None* |
| 1. ***Introduction to International Ethics[[1]](#endnote-1)***   *7/21-7/25* | * Peter Singer, “Famine, Affluence, and Morality” (posted on website) * Garrett Hardin, “Lifeboat Ethics” (posted on website) | * John Arthur, “World Hunger and Moral Obligation” * Amartya Sen, “Property and Hunger” * O. O'Neill, “A Kantian Approach to World Hunger” * Walter Sinnott-Armstrong, “It's not My Fault: Global Warming and Individual Moral Obligations” | ***WA3, due 7/22*** |
| 1. ***Introduction to Social and Political Ethics: Censorship and Pornography***   *7/28-8/1* | * Ronald Dworkin, “Liberty and Pornography” * Judith M. Hill, “Pornography and Degradation” * Catharine MacKinnon (posted on website), “Pornography, Civil Rights, and Speech” | * The Attorney General's Commission on Pornography, “The Question of Harm” * Irving Kristol ([electronic](https://canvas.uw.edu/courses/851589/files/24287773/download?wrap=1)), “Pornography, Obscenity, and the Case for Censorship” * N. Strossen, “Why Censoring Pornography Would Not Reduce Discrimination or Violence against Women” * Charles R. Lawrence III, “Hate Speech as the Functional Equivalent of Fighting Words” * John Arthur, “Sticks and Stones” | *None* |
| 1. ***Abortion***   *8/4-8/8* | * Pope John Paul II, “The Unspeakable Crime of Abortion” * Mary Anne Warren, “On the Moral and Legal Status of Abortion” * Don Marquis, “Why Abortion Is Immoral” | * L.W. Sumner, “A Moderate View” * Beckwith, Francis J. ([electronic](http://www.prolifeadvocate.us/persnbw2.html)). *Christian Research Journal* 1991, page 28 – “When Does a Human Become a Person?” | ***WA4, due 8/5*** |
| 1. ***Conference for Final Papers***   *8/11-8/15* | * *Catch-up if we’ve fallen behind.* * ***Conference for Final Papers: presentations and discussion*** | * Mark B. Woodhouse (posted on website), “How to Write Philosophy” * Jim Pryor ([electronic](http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/writing.html)), “Guidelines for Writing Philosophy” | *None* |
| 1. ***Abortion***   *8/18-8/22* | * Judith Jarvis Thomson, “A Defense of Abortion” * Rosalind Hursthouse, “Virtue Ethics and Abortion” | * Review course material in preparation for the in-class **final examination, *8/22***. Make sure you can answer all of the questions of the reading and study guides. | ***WA5, due 8/19***  ***Final Paper, due 8/21*** |

**\*\*You are responsible for every reading *before* the week we’re scheduled to discuss that reading\*\***

1. Recent editions of the textbook include newer articles by Singer and Hardin. Although these articles support the same basic views, you should read the titles indicated on the syllabus and posted on the course website. [↑](#endnote-ref-1)