

PHIL 2208 Course Schedule (MWF 1:25–2:15PM), subject to change, last updated 5/2

Date	Topic / Assigned Reading	Textbook	Deadlines
W Jan 19	1 Introduction (no reading)	Ch. 1	
F Jan 21	A feeling for knowledge (no reading)		
M Jan 24	Scepticism (no reading)	Ch. 2	
W Jan 26	Rene Descartes, <i>First & Second Meditation</i>		
F Jan 28	David Chalmers, <i>The Matrix as Metaphysics</i> (Sections 1–5)		
M Jan 31	The External World & How To Write Philosophy (no reading)	Ch. 2	
W Feb 2	GE Moore, <i>Proof of an External World & Certainty</i>		
F Feb 4	William Lycan, <i>Moore against the New Sceptics</i> (pp. 36-42)		
M Feb 7	Rationalism and Empiricism (no reading)	Ch. 3	
W Feb 9	Jennifer Nagel, <i>Rationalism and Empiricism</i> (Textbook Chapter 3)		
F Feb 11	John Locke, <i>An Essay Concerning Human Understanding</i> (Chapters 1 & 2)		
M Feb 14	Empirical Knowledge & How To Write Philosophy (no reading)	Ch. 3	
W Feb 16	John Locke, <i>An Essay Concerning Human Understanding</i> (Chapters 3 & 4)		
F Feb 18	John Locke, <i>An Essay Concerning Human Understanding</i> (extract from book 2)		1st paper
M Feb 21	Innate Knowledge (no reading)	Ch. 3	
W Feb 23	Plato, <i>Meno</i> (extract)		
F Feb 25	C Randy Gallistel, <i>Learning Organs</i>		
M Feb 28	Deductive Closure (no reading)	Ch. 7	
W Mar 2	Gail Stine, <i>Scepticism, Relevant Alternatives, and Deductive Closure</i> (Secs 1 & 2)		
F Mar 4	Gail Stine, <i>Scepticism, Relevant Alternatives, and Deductive Closure</i> (Secs 3 & 4)		
M Mar 7	Contextualism (no reading)	Ch. 7	
W Mar 9	Keith DeRose <i>Contextualism and Knowledge Attribution</i>		
F Mar 11	What have we learned so far? (no reading)		
Mon, Mar 14 – Fri, Mar 18 no class (Spring recess)			
M Mar 21	The Analysis of Knowledge (no reading)	Ch. 4	
W Mar 23	Edmund Gettier, <i>Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?</i>		
F Mar 25	Alvin Goldman, <i>A Causal Theory of Knowing</i>		
M Mar 28	Internalism and Externalism (no reading)	Ch. 5	
W Mar 30	Ted Poston, <i>Internalism and Externalism in Epistemology</i> (Sections 1–3)		
F Apr 1	Linda Zagzebski, <i>The Inescapability of Gettier Problems</i>		
M Apr 4	Knowing Right from Wrong (no reading)	Ch. 4	
W Apr 6	WB Gallie, <i>Essentially Contested Concepts</i> (extract)		
F Apr 8	Alison Hills, <i>Moral Testimony and Moral Epistemology</i> (Sections 1 & 2)		2nd paper
M Apr 11	Testimony (no reading)	Ch. 6	
W Apr 13	Jennifer Lackey, <i>Knowing from Testimony</i>		
F Apr 15	Rachel McKinnon, <i>Epistemic Injustice</i>		
M Apr 18	Appraisal (no reading)	n/a	
W Apr 20	Susan Haack, <i>The Ethics of Belief Reconsidered</i>		
F Apr 22	Heather Battaly, <i>Engaging Closed-mindedly with your Polluted Media Feed</i>		
M Apr 25	Post-Truth (no reading)	n/a	
W Apr 27	Harry Frankfurt, <i>On Bullshit</i>		
F Apr 29	Course summary (no reading)		
F May 6			3rd paper