

# PHILOSOPHY 101

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# EXAM REVIEW

## TIME & PLACE

- HAH 102
- 10:00 to 12:00 noon, Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>
- <http://registrar.unl.edu/final-exam-schedule-fall>

# CONTENT

- Free will and determinism
  - connection between free will and responsibility
  - compatibilism vs. incompatibilism
    - PAP & Source requirement
    - Frankfurt cases
  - Strawson's 'basic argument' against free will

- The Libet experiments & free will
  - What are the experiments?
  - Experiments call into question the efficacy of conscious willing
- Sinnott-armstrong on legal significance of Libet's experiments

- Meta-ethical skepticism
  - ethics vs. meta-ethics
  - non-cognitivism
  - error theory
    - argument from disagreement
    - argument from 'queerness'

- Camus & Nagel on the absurdity of life
  - Camus' answer to absurdity
  - Nagel's criticisms of standard arguments for absurdity
  - Nagel's argument for the source of absurdity
  - Nagel's answer to absurdity



- Wolf on meaning in life
  - Fulfillment view & problems with hedonism
    - Sisyphus fulfilled
    - Experience machine
  - Bipartite view
    - what is the connection between the two conditions
  - Fitting fulfillment view

# FORMAT

1. Argument extraction (2, 10 pts)
2. Definitions (4, 3 pts)
3. Multiple choice (14, 2 pts)
4. Short essay (2, 20 pts)

## ARGUMENT EXTRACTION (PICK 2 OF 3)

1. What's the conclusion of the argument?
2. What support does the conclusion have?
3. What material is essential to the argument and what is extraneous?
4. Is the argument valid?
  - if yes, why?
  - if no, why?
5. Is the argument sound?
  - if no, which premise (or premises) is false?

## DEFINITIONS (PICK 4 OF 5)

### Determinism:

For any state of the subject, that subject's states are necessitated by the condition of its previous states plus the laws of nature.

### Internalism:

objective values must be intrinsically motivating — knowledge of a moral requirement entails being motivated to follow that requirement

## MULTIPLE CHOICE (14 QUESTIONS)

- Free will and determinism
- Meta-ethical skepticism
- Camus & Nagel on absurdity of life
- Wolf on meaning in life

## SHORT ESSAY (PICK 2 OF 3)

- Mackie's error theory
  - difference between ethics & meta-ethics
  - error theory
  - two arguments for the error theory
- Strawson's argument against moral responsibility
  - Explain the argument
  - Does Strawson's argument depend on the truth or falsity of determinism?

