

# Schedule

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Week	Date	Topic
1	1/9	The scholastic background
	1/11	No Class
2	1/16	Descartes's <i>Discourse on Method</i>
	1/18	<i>First Meditation</i> : skepticism & science
3	1/23	<i>Second Meditation</i> : the <i>cogito</i> argument
	1/25	<i>Second</i> and <i>Third Meditations</i> : the wax argument & truth rule
4	1/30	<i>Third Meditation</i> , continued: ideas
	2/1	<i>Third Meditation</i> , continued: the two proofs of God
5	2/6	<i>Fourth</i> and <i>Fifth Meditations</i> : error & the ontological proof
	2/8	Catch-up
6	2/13	the Cartesian Circle & the <i>Sixth Meditation</i>
	2/15	<i>Sixth Meditation</i> , continued & Correspondence with Elisabeth
7	2/20	Catch-up
	2/22	No Class
8	2/27	Catch-up & Mid-term review
	3/1	Mid-term
9	3/6	Locke against innate ideas (ECHU Bk I)
	3/8	Leibniz on innate ideas ( <i>New Essays</i> , Preface)
10	3/13	Locke on primary & secondary qualities (ECHU, II)
	3/15	Locke on essence (ECHU III.iii.11-20 (especially §§ 15-17))
11	3/27	Locke on essence & knowledge (ECHU IV.iii.1-14, 24-8)
	3/29	No class
12	4/3	Leibniz's critique of material substance ( <i>New System</i> )
	4/5	Leibniz's idealism (the <i>Monadology</i> )
13	4/10	Spinoza's Monism ( <i>Ethics</i> Bk I: especially P5, P7, P11, & P14)
	4/12	Hume on the mind ( <i>Enquiry</i> , §§1-3, 12)
14	4/17	Hume on causation ( <i>Enquiry</i> , §§4-7)
	4/19	Hume on personal identity ( <i>Treatise</i> , I.vi & appendix)
15	4/24	Last class; Review for final
	4/26	Final exam; Papers due 5/2