

*Introduction to philosophy a.y. 2018/2019*  
**Final program**

*Texts:*

T. Nagel, *What does it all mean?*, chaps. 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6.

R. Descartes, *Meditations of First Philosophy*.

D. Hume, *An Enquiry on Human Understanding*, sects. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 7, 8, 12.

D. Hume, *Treatise on Human Nature*, bk.1, part. 4, sec. 6, bk. 2, part. 3, sects. 1-3.

+ the texts read during the classes and contained in the slides.

*Texts and themes*

1st theme (*The existence of the external world*): Descartes' *1st meditation*, Hume's *Enquiry*, sects. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 12.

2nd theme (*Personal Identity*): Descartes's *2nd meditation*, Hume's *Treatise on human nature*, book 1, part, 4, sec 6

3rd theme (*The Mind-Body Problem*): Descartes's *2nd and 6th Meditation*, Hume's *Treatise on human nature*, book 1, part, 4, sec 6.

4th theme (*God and Theodicy*): Descartes's 3rd, 4th and 5th meditations, Hume's *Natural History of religion*, sec 6

5th theme (*Free will*): Descartes's *4th meditation*, Hume's *Enquiry*, sec. 8, *Treatise*, bk 2, part 3, sects 1-3

**The exam will be divided in two parts and will last 2 hour and 30 minutes:**

*First part*: 12 multiple choice questions on lexicon (for instance: “what is the meaning of the word ‘meaning’?”) and general problems (for instance: “what is philosophy for Donald Duck?”) discussed during the classes.

*Second part*: 3 open questions that you can choose among 5 questions, one for each theme.