

Class Assignments
Phil. 102 Introduction of Philosophical Inquiry
Sec 03 MWF 9:10-10:10
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1 How to Read the Assignment Schedule

Note: The following assignment schedule is subject to revision and is intended to be a general guide to the assignments this semester. The assignment written on the board at the beginning of each class takes precedence over this schedule. As the semester progresses, for the most recent version of our class schedule, check this URL:

<http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/>

If an update to the schedule is available, the version number will be a number higher than Version 1.0. (For example, the first revision, if there is one, will be labeled Version 1.1)

In the “Date” column, the number after *M*, *W*, or *F* is the number sequence of the class, counting from the beginning of the semester. *M*, *W*, and *F* stand for “Monday,” “Wednesday,” and “Friday” respectively.

In the “Class Topic” column, the subjects covered by that day’s class are listed, together with important due dates for assignments, including tests. *Important:* The “Assignment” column lists the day an assignment is assigned, not the day the assignment is due. Assignments are due at the beginning of the next class meeting period unless stated otherwise.

The textbook for the course *Reading for Philosophical Inquiry: A Brief Introduction to Philosophical Thinking* is abbreviated *RPI*

in the Assignment Schedule below.

The reading assignments refer to the URLs or the Internet addresses of online readings. You may access the *Reading for Philosophical Inquiry* readings in HTML form by navigating to this URL:

<http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/>

and scroll to the bottom of the page for the table of contents as a list of hyperlinks to the appropriate article. (No page numbers are given for HTML pages.)

Note that almost 40% of the reading assignments are the online class notes which are meant to supplement your class notes and are abbreviated in the Assignment Schedule as *CN*. Several reading assignments are given from *Introduction to Ethical Studies: An Open Source Reader*, abbreviated in the Assignment Schedule as *IES*.

These assignments are most easily accessed from the PDF and HTML assignment pages on the philosophy Website where all URLs are hyperlinked to the assignments.

Please also refer to the example online tests, quizzes, and links online which are not listed below in this assignment sheet but which can be accessed from the class homepage.

2 Daily Assignment Schedule *Version 1.0*

Date	Class Topic	Assignment
01.10 M 1	Welcome to the Course Purpose of the Course How to Study for this Course Course Requirements	Study Class Syllabus http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/syllabus/ “How to Study” http://philosophy.lander.edu/study-topics.html
01.12 W 2	What is Philosophy? Philosophy on the Internet Web Practice Sheet Help	Web Practice Sheet http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/syllabus/
01.14 F 3	Thought Experiments Philosophical Problems	<i>RPI</i> Pt. I: Personal Uses of Philosophy http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/p268.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/character.shtml
01.17 M -	Martin Luther King Jr. Class does not meet	Holiday
01.19 W 4	Example Philosophical Problems The Principle of Charity Observation Theory Formation	Begin <i>RPI</i> Ch. 2: The Nature of Learning http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c337.html End at <i>RFI</i> Ch. 2: “In the Laboratory with Agassiz” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/x426.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/charity.shtml
01.21 F 5	Facts and Understanding Facts and Theories	<i>RPI</i> Begin <i>RPI</i> Ch.2: Facts and Theories http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/x539.html End <i>RPI</i> Ch. 2: Facts are Often Theory-Dependent http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/x585.html
01.24 M 6	Philosophy Questions Main Divisions of Philosophy	<i>RPI</i> Begin Ch.3: Nature of Philosophical Inquiry http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c712.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/what.shtml http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/division_quiz.html
01.26 W 7	The Trial of Socrates I Life of Socrates <i>The Apology I</i>	<i>RPI</i> Ch. 4 “Just Do what’s Right” From “About the Author” through “Defense against Atheism” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c1271.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/apology1.shtml

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01.28 F 8	The Trial of Socrates II <i>The Apology II</i>	PPI Ch. 5 “Seek Truth Rather than Escape Death” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/apology1.shtml From “Do What’s Right, Regardless” to end http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c1271.html
01.31 M 9	Death as a Good Platonic Idealism The Divided Line Metaphor of the Cave	CN http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/apology2.shtml http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c1713.html CN http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/socrates_quiz.html
02.02 W 10	Science and Philosophy	Adler, “Basic Difference Between Science and Philosophy” http://www.radicalacademy.com/adlerscipphil1.htm
02.04 F 11	Bertrand Russell <i>The Problems of Philosophy</i> Science and Philosophy	RPI Ch. 6 “Enlargement of Self” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c2032.html http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/russell.shtml
02.07 M 12	Practical and Philosophic Minds Goals of Philosophy Enlargement of Self	Begin RPI Ch7: “Only Faith Can Give Truth” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c2347.html From “Everyday Life” to “Science Renders Life Meaningless” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/science_quiz.html
02.09 W 13	Leo Tolstoy I <i>A Confession</i> Science and Philosophy	Complete Ch 7: “Only Faith Can Give Truth” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c2347.html CN http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/tolstoy.shtml
02.11 F 14	Leo Tolstoy II Truth	RPI Ch. 8 <i>Le Mythe de Sisyphe</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c2775.html
02.14 M 15	Albert Camus I <i>The Myth of Sisyphus</i> Absurdity and Happiness	CN “Nobility of Soul” CN http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/camus.shtml
02.16 W 16	Albert Camus II What is Absurdity?	CN “Man Provides Life’s Meaning” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/camus.html
02.18 F 17	Review for Test I Philosophy of Life	Review for Test I Philosophy of Life CN http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/life_test.html <i>Syllabus</i> : Review for Test II
02.21 M 18	Test II Philosophy of Life	RPI Pt. II “Philosophy of Religion” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/p3053.html Background: <i>Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy</i> “Philosophy of Religion” http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/philosophy-religion/

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02.23 W 19	Review of Test II Meaning of Life and God's Existence A posteriori Arguments A priori Arguments	<i>RPI</i> "God and the World" http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c3114.html <i>Wikipedia</i> "A priori and A Posteriori" http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/A_priori_and_a_posteriori_(philosophy)
02.25 F 20	Anselm's Ontological Argument Gaunilo's Perfect Island Problem of Existential Import	<i>RPI</i> Ch. 10 "The Ontological Argument" http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c3171.html <i>RPI</i> Ch. 11 "An Answer to Anselm" http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c3305.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/anselm.shtml
02.28– 03.04	Spring Break Classes do not meet	Holiday
line 03.07 M 21	Thomas Aquinas I First Cause Argument Argument from Motion	<i>RPI</i> Ch. 13 "From the Nature of the Universe" http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c3703.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/motion.shtml <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/cause.shtml
03.09 W 22	Thomas Aquinas II Argument from Necessity Great Chain of Being	<i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/necessity.shtml <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/gradation.shtml
03.11 F 23	The Teleological Argument Thomas on Design William Paley's Watch Argument	<i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/governance.shtml <i>RPI</i> Ch.14 "The Teleological Argument" <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/paley.shtml <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/aquinas_quiz.html
03.14 M 24	Blaise Pascal "The Heart Has Its Reasons" Introduction to Decision Theory	<i>RPI</i> Ch.16 "The Wager" http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c4326.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/pascal.shtml

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03.16 W 25	Fyodor Dostoevsky The Problem of Evil	<i>RPI</i> Ch. 17 “The Problem of Evil” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c4531.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/dostoevsky.shtml
03.18 F 26	Fyodor Dostoevsky Problem of Evil	(re-read) http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c4531.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/dostoevsky.shtml
03.21 M 27	Review for Test III Philo- sophy of Religion	<i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/religion_test.html <i>Syllabus</i> : Review for Test III
03.23 W 28	Test III Philosophy of Re- ligion	Background: <i>Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy</i> http://www.rep.routledge.com/article/L132
03.25 F 29	Free Will and Determin- ism Predestination and Fatal- ism Choice and Chance	<i>RPI</i> Ch. 18 “Free Will and Determinism” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c4909.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/determinism_quiz.html http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/quiz-determinism.html
03.28 M 30	Ethical Relativism Ethical Absolutism	http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/relativism.html http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/stace.html http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/moralprogress_quiz.html
03.30 W 31	Plato Social Contract	<i>RPI</i> Ch. 21 “The Ring of Gyges” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c5641.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/gyges.shtml
04.01 F 32	Psychological Egoism Bernard Mandeville The Fable of the Bees	<i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/egoism.html <i>IES</i> Ch. 24 “Human Beings are Selfish” http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c6060.html http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-mandeville.html http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/egoism_quiz.html
04.04 M 33	Aristotle I Excellence	http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c5574.html http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/aristotle1.html http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/mean_quiz.html
04.06 W 34	Aristotle II Pleasure	http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/aristotle2.html http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-aristotle.html http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/aristotle_quiz.html

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04.08 F 35	Jeremy Bentham Utilitarianism Hedonistic Calculus	<i>RPI</i> Ch. 23 “Happiness is the Greatest Good” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c6178.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/calculus.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-bentham.html
04.11 M 36	Friedrich Nietzsche Master and Slave Morality Will to Power	<i>RPI</i> Ch. 24 “Slave and Master Morality” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c6516.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-nietzsche.html
04.13 W 37	Jean-Paul Sartre I Existence and Essence We are Responsible for All Persons	<i>RPI</i> Ch. 25 “Man Makes Himself” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c6830.html <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/sartre.html
04.15 F 38	Jean-Paul Sartre II Anguish, Forlornness, De- spair	<i>RPI</i> Ch. 25 “Man Makes Himself” <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/sartre.html
04.18 M 39	Review for Test IV Philosophical Ethics	Review for Test IV Philosophical Ethics Syllabus <i>CN</i> http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/ethics_test.html
04.20 W 40	Test IV Ethics	Optional Ortega y Gasset, “Man, As Project” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/articles/ortega-a.pdf
04.22 F 41	Review of Test IV Ethics Class attendance optional	Review for Approved Make-up Tests
04.25 M	Final Examination Period 8:00-10:00 on Make-up Tests only	Summer Reading <i>RPI</i> William James, “What Makes a Life Significant?” http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook2.1/c9204.html

3 Course Links

Philosophy Forum (discussion board)

<http://philosophy.lander.edu/cgi-bin/mwf/forum.pl>

Philosophy FAQ:

<http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/faq.html>

Online Grades:

<http://philosophy.lander.edu/~larchie/grades.cgi>

Instructor Calendar and Class Schedule:

<http://tiny.cc/archie659>