

# Phil. 102: Philosophical Inquiry – Assignments

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## 0.1 Legend

### Weekly Schedule *Version 1.0*

*Note:* In the **Class Lecture** column, the subjects covered by that week are listed, together with important due dates for assignments, reading, and tests. Online Webpages usually begin with “...” which stands for

`http://philosophy.lander.edu/`

followed by a named directory and the Webpage. To get to the page, type the whole expression into the Address Bar of your browser (Internet Explorer, Netscape, or Firefox).

For example, the first tutorial is listed in the **Assignment** column as ...`intro/what.html` You would type into the address bar of your browser

`http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/what.html`

In most browsers, typing in the “`http://`” prefix is optional.

*RFPI* is the abbreviation for the textbook in the course: *Reading for Philosophic Inquiry*, and *IES* is the abbreviation for the supplementary sources for papers: *Introduction to Ethical Studies*.

*Reading for Philosophical Inquiry (RFPI)* is available in chapter segments as HTML, PDF, and MP3 at

`http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/introbook-links.html`

(Scroll to the bottom of that page for individual chapter-by-chapter links.)

*Introduction to Ethical Studies (IES)* is available in *toto* as HTML and PDF at

`http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/index.html`

Any change to this schedule during the semester will be denoted by a change in version number for the schedule. Specifically, the first change would be named “**Weekly Schedule Version 1.1**” and so forth.

## 0.2 Fall 2006 Assignment Schedule

Week	Class Lecture	Assignments
08.17.06 R 1	Welcome to the Course Purpose of the Course What is Philosophy?	Study Online Syllabus Find Online Textbook Surf <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu">http://philosophy.lander.edu</a>
08.22.06 T 2	Some Main Questions of Philosophy Types of Philosophical Questions	Study Syllabus Study <i>RFPI</i> Part I “Personal Uses of Philosophy”
08.24.06 R 3	The Nature of Philosophical Inquiry	Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 2 “The Nature of Learning” Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 3 “The Nature of Philosophical Inquiry”
08.29.06 T 4	Trial of Socrates I	Study ... <a href="#">intro/what.html</a> Study ... <a href="#">intro/character.html</a>
08.31.06 R 5	The Socratic Paradox	... <a href="#">intro/socrates.html</a> Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 4 “Just Do What’s Right”
09.05.06 T 6	The Trial of Socrates II	Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 5 “Seek Truth Rather Than Escape Death”
09.07.06 R 7	The Value of Philosophy	... <a href="#">intro/russell.html</a> Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 6 “Enlargement of Self”
09.12.06 T 8	Faith Provides Life’s Meaning	... <a href="#">intro/tolstoy.html</a> Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 7 “Only Faith Can Give Truth”
09.14.06 R 9	Only I Can Find Meaning	... <a href="#">intro/camus.html</a> Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 8 “ <i>Le Mythe de Sisyphe</i> ”
09.19.06 T 10	Review for Test I	<i>Test I: Philosophy of Life</i>
09.21.06 R 11	Test I: Philosophy of Life	Read <i>RFPI</i> Part II “Philosophy of Religion” (Intro)
09.26.06 T 12	Facts and Ideas <i>a priori</i> and <i>a posteriori</i> arguments	Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 9: “God and the World” Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 10 “The Ontological Argument”
09.28.06 R 13	The Ontological Argument The Perfect Island Argument	... <a href="#">intro/anselm.html</a> Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 11 “An Answer to Anselm”
10.03.06 T	Fall Break	
10.05.06 R 14	Cosmological Arguments, Part I	... <a href="#">intro/aquinas.shtml</a> Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 13 “From the Nature of the Universe”

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10.10.06 T 15	Cosmological Arguments, Part II Aquinas' Five Ways	...intro/motion.shtml and ...intro/cause.shtml ...intro/necessity.shtml and ...intro/gradation.shtml
10.12.06 R 16	Paley's Teleological Argument	...intro/.governance.shtml ...intro/paley.html <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 14 "The Teleological Argument"
10.17.06 T 17	Pascal's Wager  Dostoevsky on the Problem of Evil	...intro/pascal.html Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 15 "The Wager" Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 17 "The Problem of Evil" ...intro/dostoevsky.html
10.19.06 R 18	Review for Test	Review Notes for <i>Test II: Philosophy of Religion</i>
10.24.06 T 19	<i>Test II: Philosophy of Religion</i>	Study <i>RFPI</i> Part III "Philosophical Ethics"
10.26.06 R 20	Do We Have Free Will?	...intro/determinism.html Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 18 "Free Will and Determinism"
10.31.06 T 21	James' Will to Believe	Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 20 "The Will to Believe" ...ethics/notes-james.html
11.02.06 R 22	The Ethics of Excellence	Study ...ethics/notes-aristotle.html Study IES Chapter 22 "What is the Life of Excellence?"
11.07.06 T	Fall Break	
11.09.06 R 23	Are All Persons Selfish?	...intro/plato.html Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 21 "The Ring of Gyges"
11.14.06 T 24	Existential Ethics	...intro/sartre.html Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 25 "Man Makes Himself"
11.16.06 R 25	Review for Test	Review notes for <i>Test III: Philosophical Ethics</i>
11.21 R 26	<i>Test III: Philosophical Ethics</i>	
11.23	Thanksgiving	
11.28.06 T 27	Review of Questions on <i>Test III</i> Optional Class Meeting	

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12.05.06	Final Exam Period for Sec. 04 Approved Make-Ups	Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 33 "What Makes a Life Significant?" Have a Great Holiday!
12.07.06	Final Exam Period for Sec. 06 Approved Make-Ups	Study <i>RFPI</i> Chapter 33 "What Makes a Life Significant?" Have a Great Holiday!