

Philosophy 181 -- Honors Introduction to Philosophy -- Elliott Sober, Fall 1999

The text for this course is Joel Feinberg's *Reason and Responsibility*. My office hours, in 5199 Helen C. White Hall, are Tuesday and Thursday 1:30 - 3:30, and Wednesday 2-3. I'm also available at other times.

Week	Date	Topic and Reading Assignment
1	9/2	Introduction
2	9/7, 9/9	Phil of religion -- the cosmological argument; Aquinas, Clark, Rowe. Phil of religion -- the design argument; Paley and Hume.
3	9/14, 9/16	Phil of religion -- the design argument; Gould and Gould. Phil of religion -- the ontological argument; Anselm and Rowe.
4	9/21, 9/23	Phil of religion -- the problem of evil; Mackie and Van Inwagen. Phil of religion -- reason and faith; Pascal, Lycan and Schlesinger, Clifford, James.
5	9/28, 9/30	First Exam Epistemology (knowledge) -- Pollock, Chisholm, Descartes
6	10/5, 10/7	Epistemology (knowledge) -- Descartes
7	10/12, 10/14	Epistemology (perception) -- Locke and Berkeley Epistemology (induction) -- Hume and Salmon
8	10/19, 10/21	Epistemology (what is science) -- Maynard Smith and Overton Epistemology (pragmatism) -- Peirce and Peirce
9	10/26, 10/28	Second Exam Philosophy of Mind (the mind/body problem) -- Shaffer, Churchland, Jackson.
10	11/2, 11/4	Philosophy of Mind (the mind/body problem) -- cont'd. Philosophy of Mind (the nature of thought) -- Searle, Lycan, Allen.
11	11/9, 11/11	Philosophy of Mind (the nature of thought) -- cont'd. Philosophy of Mind (personal identity) -- Dennett, Penelhum, Perry.
12	11/16, 11/18	Philosophy of Mind (personal identity) -- cont'd. Philosophy of Mind (psychological egoism) -- Feinberg, Bennett
13	11/23	Third Exam
14	11/30, 12/2	Ethics (subjectivism, relativism) -- Shafer-Landau, Rachels Ethics (ethical egoism) -- Rand, Rachels
15	12/7, 12/9	Ethics (utilitarianism) -- Mill, Singer Ethics (Kantianism) -- Kant and O'Neill
16	12/14	Fourth Exam