

PART I

WEEK 1
August 26

Introduction and Organization
Course Requirements and Reading
The Trolley Problem

August 31

Why Study Philosophy?
<http://people.brandeis.edu/~teuber/philnotes.html#Why>
Why Study Philosophy? (YouTube).
Philosophy Students ***Score High on LSAT, GMAT and the GRE***
Chart of How Students Performed on Graduate Admission Tests
Philosophy Rocks the Graduate Admission Tests
The Value of Philosophy" (WALL STREET JOURNAL)
The Value of Philosophy (St. Edward's University)
The Value of Philosophy (University of Rhode Island)
Why Study Philosophy (2) .
Why Study Philosophy? (3) .
Why Study Philosophy? (4) .
The Power of Philosophy Yvette Gross (NPR) (MP3) •

Philosophy: "The Ultimate Transferable Skill"
<http://people.brandeis.edu/~teuber/philnotes.html#Skill>
A Quintessentially Modern Discipline (London Times)
How Does Philosophy" Relate to My Career? (1) .
How Does Philosophy Relate to My Career? (2).
What Can You Do with a Philosophy Degree?
Skills That Will Be Developed Through Your Study of Philosophy
Students Opt for the Examined Life (New York Times).
I Think, Therefore I Earn (The Guardian).
Top Students Commit To Using Their Knowledge (USA TODAY).
Philosophy Degree Pays Off in Life and Work (New York Times)
To Beat the Market: Hire a Philosopher (New York Times)
How Philosophy Pays Off.

What Is Philosophy? (1)
<http://people.brandeis.edu/~teuber/philnotes.html#General>
What Is Philosophy? - A Brief Guide (APA)
Well-Known Philosophy Majors
What Philosophy Does (John Cleese) (MP3)
How Philosophy Has Changed the World (John Cleese) (MP3)
How Philosophy Can Enrich Your Life (John Cleese) (MP3)
Philosophy Image Gallery: "Philosophers Say 'Cheese'"
Women in Philosophy Gallery
Philosophers' Image Gallery (Barcelona)
Philosophers' Image Gallery (Netherlands)
Philosophy Sub-Fields with Sound Effects (Wadsworth)

Queen v. Dudley, 1984 (Class Handout)
<http://courses.dce.harvard.edu/~phils4/dudley.html>

Introduction to Philosophy [PHIL S-4]

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Sept. 3

What is Philosophy? (2)

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), "The Value of Philosophy" in Perry and Bratman, INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY (hereafter "ITP")
Full Text of Russell's *The Value of Philosophy* is also online.

<http://www.ditext.com/russell/russell.html>

Plato (428-348), *Apology* in INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY

Both the Russell and Plato can be found in ITP, pp. 18-37

Full Text of Plato's *Apology* is also online.

<http://classics.mit.edu/Plato/apology.html>

Sept. 7

What Is God?

What Sign Would Convince You That God Exists? (Class Handout)

God's Nature (Class Handout)

Traditional Arguments for God's Existence (Class Handout)

Sept. 14

Arguments for God's Existence

Anselm (1033-1109), "The Ontological Argument" in ITP

Anselm's Ontological Argument

Aquinas (1225-1274), "The Existence of God" in ITP

The Cosmological Argument: Aquinas' Five Ways (Class Handout)

William Paley (1743-1805), "Natural Theology" in ITP

Stephen Jay Gould, "The Panda's Thumb" (Class Handout)

Web Exhibit Online: "The Evolution of the Panda's Thumb"

The Argument from Design (Class Handout)

Argument from Religious Experience (Class Handout)

Sept. 17

The Problem of Evil

David Hume (1711-76), *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*

Leibniz (1646-1716), "God, Evil and the Best of All Possible Worlds"

Perry, "Dialogue on Good, Evil and the Existence of God" in ITP

The Problem of Evil (Class Handout)

Reason v. Faith

Blaise Pascal (1623-62), "The Wager"

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), "Why I Am Not a Theist" in ITP

<http://users.drew.edu/~jlenz/whynot.html>

William James (1842-1910), "The Will To Believe," (excerpt) (Online)

<http://falcon.jmu.edu/~omearawm/ph101willtobelieve.html>

Paper topics for the first paper will be handed out on Friday, Sept. 17th. Papers are due on Tuesday, Sept. 28th, at Noon in the Philosophy Department Main Office (RABB 303)..