

PART I

WEEK 1
August 27

Introduction and Organization
Course Requirements and Reading
The Trolley Problem

WEEK 2
September 1

What Makes Philosophy Worth Doing?
The Trolley Problem continued . . .

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

Introduction to Philosophy [PHIL 1-A]

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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)

September 4

What is Philosophy? (2)

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970) , "The Value of Philosophy," pp. 9-12) in Plato, "Apology: Defense of Socrates,"
Perry and Bratman, INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY (hereafter "ITP")
Full Text of Russell's *Problems of Philosophy* (Online).
<http://www.ditext.com/russell/russell.html>
Full Text of Plato's *Apology* (Online).
<http://socrates.clarke.edu/aplg0100.htm>

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)

Week 3
Sept 8

Arguments for God's Existence

The Ontological Argument (1)

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

The Cosmological Argument (2)

Aquinas (1033-1109), "The Existence of God" in ITP
Samuel Clarke (1675-1725), "A Modern Formulation of the Cosmological Argument" (Class Handout)

The Design Argument (3)

William Paley (1734-1805), "The Argument from Design" in ITP
Stephen Jay Gould , "The Panda's Thumb" (Class Handout)
Web Exhibit Online: "The Evolution of the Panda's Thumb"

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July 2

The Problem of Evil

David Hume, Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion

Gottfried Leibniz, God, Evil and the Best of All Possible Worlds John

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

in ITP pp. 133-56

Pascal's Wager

Blaise Pascal (1623-1662), "The Wager," in ITP pp. 82-6

Reason and Belief

Bertrand Russell (1872-1970), "Why I Am Not a Theist," in ITP pp. 86-90

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

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

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

Paper topics for the first paper will be handed out on Thurs, July 2nd.

Papers are due on Thursday, July 9th, at the beginning of class.