"Everyone is a philosopher…" -Antonio Gramsci

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Textbook: None!

Table I : Tentative Syllabus

Week	Date End	Source	Topic
1	04 Oct	Schrum	What is philosophy? Propositional logic.
2	11 Oct	Breuer	Propositional logic (continued), set theory and proof writing
3	18 Oct	Kant	Ethics: Virtue as duty?
4	25 Oct	Card	Contemporary ethical problems: Atrocity
5	01 Nov	Gibbard	Metaphysics: Identity
6	08 Nov	Gettier	Epistemology
7	15 Nov	Heidegger	On technology
8	22 Nov	Badiou pp. 1-26	Love: 1
9	29 Nov	Badiou pp. 27-52	Love: 2
10	06 Dec	Badiou pp. 53…	Love: 3

Table II: Grading Scale

Grade	A	B	C	D	F
%	100-86	85-76	75-66	65-51	51…

Table III: Contributions and Types of Work

Item	Points	Total
Ten quiz assignments	10	100
Two midterm examinations	100	200
One presentation	100	100
One final exam	100	100

Important Dates

Midterm I   **18 October 2019**
Midterm II   **15 November 2019**
Final Exam   **09 December 2019: 10:00 - 11:50**

Work

I do not accept late work.

I do not accept work by email.

Quiz assignments are unannounced, ten questions, in T/F format.

Examinations will contain short essay questions. Examinations will also require routine deduction, and the application of philosophical principles to current events. While each question may contain unique problems, they will each admit solutions — proofs, calculations and explanations — which rely upon the material we have already covered. Examinations will also require the reconstruction of some of the definitions and arguments we have previously covered in the required readings.

Philosophy is a reading and writing intensive discipline. A final paper, 5-7 pages long, with Chicago style citations, is required for admission to the final examination.

Course Materials

I am aware that the university bookstore may be stocking an expensive textbook for this course. That textbook is not required. Philosophy is an accessible discipline, and we will introduce ourselves to it by reading readily available texts which cost nothing.

The following texts, while not required, are inexpensive, and may be useful:

Badiou, Alain. *In Praise of Love.* ISBN 9781595588777
Osborne, Richard. *Philosophy for Beginners.* ISBN 9780863161575
Sword, Helen. *Stylish Academic Writing*. ISBN 9780674064485

Evaluation

Evaluation of this course (and the instructor) begins near the end of the term. Students who withdraw early may file an evaluation with the secretary of the department at any time.

Useful Links

Plagiarism FAQ
https://www.ieee.org/publications/rights/plagiarism/plagiarism-faq.html

Wolfram Alpha
https://www.wolframalpha.com

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy
https://plato.stanford.edu

JSTOR
https://www.jstor.org

Purdue Online Writing Lab
https://owl.purdue.edu