

Introduction to philosophy (Semester 1)

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51 items

Recommended reading (14 items)

Think: a compelling introduction to philosophy, by Simon Blackburn, 1999

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An introduction to western philosophy: ideas and argument from Plato to Popper, by Flew, Antony, 1989

[Book](#) | Optional

Philosophy: a guide through the subject, by Grayling, A. C., 1995

[Book](#) | Optional

Mastering philosophy, by Harrison-Barbet, Anthony, 2001

[Book](#) | Optional

An introduction to philosophical analysis, by Hospers, John, 1997

[Book](#) | Optional

Philosophy in practice: an introduction to the main questions, by Adam Morton, 2004

[Book](#) | Optional

What does it all mean?: a very short introduction to philosophy, by Thomas Nagel, 1987

[Book](#) | Optional

An introduction to philosophy, by Nuttall, Jon, 2002

[Book](#) | Optional

What philosophy is: an introduction to contemporary philosophy, by O'Hear, Anthony, 1985

[Book](#) | Optional

Issues in philosophy: an introduction, by Pinchin, Calvin, 2004

[Book](#) | Optional

Problems from philosophy, by Rachels, James; Rachels, Stuart, c2009 [i.e. 2008]

[Book](#) | Optional

The problems of philosophy, by Bertrand Russell, 2001

[Book](#) | Optional

Introduction to philosophy, by Stroll, Avrum; Popkin, Richard H., 1972

[Book](#) | Optional

Week 1 reading (3 items)

World philosophies, by Ninian Smart, 2008

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 1. A good pace to start if entirely new to philosophy. Good place to start to see philosophy in a global context

Philosophy, by Bryan Greetham, 2006

[Book](#) | **Optional** | Chapter 1. An introductory level introduction to what philosophy is.

The rediscovery of common sense philosophy, by Stephen Boulter, 2007

[Book](#) | **Optional** | Chapter 1. A more advanced treatment of 'metaphilosophy', i.e., the philosophy of philosophy.

Week 2 reading (5 items)

W.K. Clifford and ""The Ethics of Belief"", by Tim Madigan, 2009

[Book](#) | **Recommended**

Will To Believe, The, by William James, 2000

[Book](#) | **Recommended**

William James in focus: willing to believe, by W. J. Gavin, ©2013

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Introduction and Ch. 8 in particular. A good extended discussion of the issues raised by James' "Will to Believe"

Knowledge, truth, and duty: essays on epistemic justification, responsibility, and virtue, by Matthias Steup, 2001

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Susan Haack's chapter "The Ethics of Belief" is useful for Task A (1)

Philosophical inquiries: an introduction to problems of philosophy, by Nicholas Rescher, 2010

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 13, "Science and Religion" is useful reading for Task A (1)

Weeks 3 & 4 reading (7 items)

What does it all mean?: a very short introduction to philosophy, by Thomas Nagel, 1987

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 2. An accessible introduction to the challenges of epistemology

Philosophical inquiries: an introduction to problems of philosophy, by Nicholas Rescher, 2010

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 2 is useful for Task A (2) and Task B (1)

Epistemology: an introduction to the theory of knowledge, by Nicholas Rescher, ©2003

Book | **Recommended** | Chapter 1 is useful for Task A (2) and Task B (1)

Epistemology: a contemporary introduction to the theory of knowledge, by Robert Audi, 2003

Book | **Recommended** | Chapter 10. A more advanced discussion of the challenge of scepticism

Meditations on First Philosophy: With Selections from the Objections and Replies, by Rene

Descartes, 2008

Book | **Recommended** | Meditation I. Foundational text for modern philosophy. Reasonably accessible nonetheless.

Epistemology: a contemporary introduction to the theory of knowledge, by Robert Audi, c2011

Book | **Optional** | Meditation I. Reading to complement Descartes' First Meditation

Philosophy, by Bryan Greetham, 2006

Book | **Optional** | Chapters 5 & 7. Further discussion at accessible level

Weeks 6 & 7 reading (7 items)

What does it all mean?: a very short introduction to philosophy, by Thomas Nagel, 1987

Book | **Recommended** | Chapter 4. A short and accessible introduction to the philosophy of mind

Philosophical inquiries: an introduction to problems of philosophy, by Nicholas Rescher, 2010

Book | **Recommended** | Chapter 7 is useful for Task A (3) and Task B (2)

A companion to the philosophy of mind, by Samuel Guttenplan, 1995

Book | **Recommended** | Kirk Ludwig has a useful piece in this work for Task A (3) and Task B (2). "The Mind-Body Problem: An Overview"

Philosophy of mind: a comprehensive introduction, by William Jaworski, 2011

Book | **Recommended** | Chapters 1 and 3 are useful for Task A (3) and Task B (2)

An introduction to the philosophy of mind, by E. J. Lowe, 2000

Book | **Recommended** | Chapters 1 and 2 are useful for Task A (3) and task B (2)

Philosophy of mind: a contemporary introduction, by John Heil, 2020

Book | **Recommended** | Chapters 2 and 3. Intermediate level material on the philosophy of mind

Philosophy of mind, by Jaegwon Kim, 2011

Book | **Optional** | Chapter 1. More advanced introduction to the philosophy of mind

Weeks 8 & 9 reading (8 items)

What does it all mean?: a very short introduction to philosophy, by Thomas Nagel, 1987

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 6. Good place to start your reading

Free will, by Robert Kane, 2002

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Introduction. A very good source in general. The introduction is more advanced than Nagel's, but still accessible.

Philosophy, by Bryan Greetham, 2006

[Book](#) | **Optional** | Chapters 18 & 20. Further detailed discussion of the free will/determinism debate and the various positions

Philosophical inquiries: an introduction to problems of philosophy, by Nicholas Rescher, 2010

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 6 is useful for Task B (3)

The Problem of Free Will: Untying the Gordian Knot, by Mathew Iredale, 2014

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 1 is useful for Task B (3)

Living without free will, by Derk Pereboom, 2001

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | The Introduction is useful for Task B (3)

Free will and consciousness: a determinist account of the illusion of free will, by Gregg D. Caruso, c2012

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 1 is useful for Task B (3)

Free will, by Mark Balaguer, 2014

[Book](#) | **Optional** | Chapter 1 is useful for Task B (3)

Weeks 10 & 11 reading (7 items)

What does it all mean?: a very short introduction to philosophy, by Thomas Nagel, 1987

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 7. A good place to start your reading on metaethics

Relativism [Chapter 25] - in *Philosophy: basic readings*, by Bernard Williams, 2005

[Chapter](#) | **Recommended** | A blistering attack on the coherence of relativism

Philosophical inquiries: an introduction to problems of philosophy, by Nicholas Rescher, 2010

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 9 is useful for Task B (4, 5 & 6)

Dimensions of Moral Theory: an Introduction to Metaethics and Moral Psychology, by Jonathan Jacobs, 2007

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapters 1 and 9 for Task B (4, 5 & 6)

This Is Ethics: An Introduction, by Jussi Suikkanen, 2014-01-01

[Book](#) | **Recommended** | Chapter 6 is useful for Task B (4, 5 & 6)

Philosophy, by Bryan Greetham, 2006

[Book](#) | **Optional** | Chapter 21. An accessible treatment of the realist dispute in metaethics

Moral vision: an introduction to ethics, by David McNaughton, 1988

Book | **Optional** | Chapter 1. A more advanced treatment of the core issues in the realist dispute in metaethics