

Epistemology 4501

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Readings:

The Problems of Philosophy (by Bertrand Russell)

Contemporary Debates in Epistemology (edited by Steup and Sosa)

Additional readings will be supplied through CourseWorks.

Grading:

25% Midterm 1 (take-home exam)

25% Midterm 2 (take-home exam)

50% Paper

Work that is handed in late will be penalized at the rate of one grade per day. For example, a B paper that is handed in one day late becomes a B-, while an A paper that is handed in two days late becomes a B+.

DATE	TOPICS	IMPORTANT DATES
9/2	Introductory remarks	
9/9	Chapters 1-5 in TPOP	
9/16	Chapters 6-10 in TPOP	
9/23	Chapters 11-14 in TPOP	Midterm 1 is assigned through CourseWorks
9/30	Chapter 2 in CDIE	
10/7	Chapter 6 in CDIE	Midterm 1 is due in my CourseWorks dropbox
10/14	Chapter 7 in CDIE	
10/21	Chapter 9 in CDIE	
10/28	Chapter 10 in CDIE	
11/4	Election Day (no class)	Midterm 2 is assigned through CourseWorks
11/11	“The Fixation of Belief”	
11/18	“How to Make our Ideas Clear”	Midterm 2 is due in my CourseWorks dropbox
11/25	“Truth, Fallibility and the Growth of Knowledge”	
12/2	Closing remarks	Final paper is due in my CourseWorks dropbox