

# PHIL 161 Schedule of Readings

Spring 2009

Read all of the scheduled reading unless otherwise indicated. The list is subject to change as the semester progresses. Any changes will be announced in class.

## Introductory Material

**Mon Jan 26:** Course Introduction; Logistics

**Wed Jan 28:** Snow Day.

**Fri Jan 30:** Introductory Lecture: What is Philosophy? (no reading)

## Unit 1: Classic Readings

**Mon Feb 2:** Introduction to Chapter 1 (p. 1); *The Prince, Machiavelli* (p. 2)

**Wed Feb 4:** *Leviathan, Hobbes* (pp. 8-20)

**Fri Feb 6:** *Leviathan, Hobbes* (pp. 21-31)

**Mon Feb 9:** *Second Treatise of Government, Locke* (p. 30)

**Wed Feb 11:** *The Social Contract, Rousseau* (p. 51)

**Fri Feb 13:** “*Of the Origin of Government*” and “*Of the Original Contract*,” Hume (p. 63)

**Mon Feb 16:** No Class - President’s Day

**Wed Feb 18:** First Assignment Due. *On Liberty*, Mill (pp. 95-114)

**Fri Feb 20:** *On Liberty*, (pp. 114 -129)

## Unit 2: The Authority of the State

**Mon Feb 23:** Introduction to Chapter 2 (p. 130); *In Defense of Anarchism*, Wolff (p. 131)

**Wed Feb 25:** *Political Obligation and Consent*, Beran (p. 136)

**Fri Feb 27:** *Legal Obligation and the Duty of Fair Play*, Rawls (p. 143)

**Mon March 2:** *The Idea of a Legitimate State*, Copp (p. 150)

**Wed March 4:** *Is There a Prima Facie Obligation to Obey the Law?*, Smith (p. 163)

**Fri March 6:** Overflow.

**Mon March 9:** Overflow.

**Wed March 11:** Review for Mid-Term.

**Fri March 13:** Mid-Term Examination

**March 16 - 20:** No Class - Spring Break

## Unit 3: The Limits of State Authority

### Paternalism

**Mon March 23:** Introduction to Chapter 3 (p. 177); *Two Concepts of Liberty*, Isaiah Berlin (pp. 179-184)

**Wed March 25:** *Two Concepts of Liberty*, (pp. 184-192)

**Fri March 27:** *Liberty and the Grounds for Coercion*, Feinberg (p. 192)

**Mon March 30:** *Paternalism*, Gerald Dworkin (p. 198)

### Perfectionism

**Wed April 1:** Introduction to Chapter 5 (p. 309); *Immorality and Treason*, Hart (p. 318)

**Fri April 3:** *The Central Tradition: Classical Perfectionism*, George (p. 321)

**Mon April 6:** *Liberalism and Neutrality*, Ronald Dworkin (p. 333)

**Wed April 8:** *Liberalism and the Neutral State*, Galston (p. 345)

## Unit 4: Justice

**Fri April 10:** Introduction to Chapter 4 (p. 250); *Justice as Convention*, Hume (p. 252)

**Mon April 13: Second Assignment Due.** *A Libertarian Theory of Justice*, Nozick (p. 256)

**Wed April 15:** Nozick, continued.

**Fri April 17:** *Justice as Fairness*, Rawls (p. 270)

**Mon April 20: No Class** - Patriot's Day

**Tue April 21: Follow Monday Class Schedule.** Rawls, continued.

**Wed April 22:** *Justice: A Funeral Oration*, Matson (p. 285)

**Fri April 24:** *Justice as a Virtue*, MacIntyre (p. 297)

**Mon April 27:** *Distributive Justice*, Rescher (p. 303)

## Unit 5: Rights

**Wed April 29:** Introduction to Chapter 7 (p. 457); *The Nature and Value of Rights*, Feinberg (p. 460)

**Fri May 1:** *The Epistemology of Human Rights*, Gewirth (p. 468)

**Mon May 4:** *A Critique of Gewirth's Argument*, MacIntyre (p. 479)

**Wed May 6:** Overflow.

**Fri May 8:** Overflow.

**Mon May 11:** Review for Final.

**Final Exam: TBA**