

Student Schedule - Introduction to Philosophy

Autumn Half Term 1 , 24-25

Lesson Number & Title	Syllabus Content	Planned Study
01 Introduction to Philosophy / A Level Philosophy part 1		Cardinal p i-vii <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/plato-republic/why-should-we-be-just">https://www.massolit.io/courses/plato-republic/why-should-we-be-just</a> (extension) Lacewing p i – ix
02 Introduction to Philosophy / A Level Philosophy part 2		Cardinal p vii-ix <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/plato-republic/the-ideal-city">https://www.massolit.io/courses/plato-republic/the-ideal-city</a> (extension) Lacewing p1-5
03 Arguments 1	Argument Premise, Reason Conclusion, inference	Cardinal p ix-x <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/plato-republic/the-city-soul-analogy">https://www.massolit.io/courses/plato-republic/the-city-soul-analogy</a> (extension) Lacewing p6
04 Arguments 2		Cardinal p x-xi <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/plato-republic/plato-s-theory-of-knowledge">https://www.massolit.io/courses/plato-republic/plato-s-theory-of-knowledge</a> (extension) Lacewing p7
05 Deductive Argument	Deduction Validity Invalidity, certainty Soundness, unsoundness	Cardinal p xi-xiii <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/plato-republic/plato-s-philosophy-of-art">https://www.massolit.io/courses/plato-republic/plato-s-philosophy-of-art</a> (extension) Lacewing p7-8
06 Inductive Argument	Probability induction	Cardinal p xiii-xiv <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/political-philosophy-john-locke/life-and-works-f28bd9d6-b57a-429d-b686-f402a1424d2d">https://www.massolit.io/courses/political-philosophy-john-locke/life-and-works-f28bd9d6-b57a-429d-b686-f402a1424d2d</a> (extension) Lacewing p8-9
07 Abductive Argument	Abduction	Cardinal p xiv-xvi <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/political-philosophy-john-locke/natural-rights-natural-law-and-the-state-of-nature">https://www.massolit.io/courses/political-philosophy-john-locke/natural-rights-natural-law-and-the-state-of-nature</a> (extension) Lacewing p10-13
08 Evaluating Arguments		Cardinal p xvi – xviii <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/political-philosophy-john-locke/consent-220dd562-9df4-4f6b-9822-384b0aee87fc">https://www.massolit.io/courses/political-philosophy-john-locke/consent-220dd562-9df4-4f6b-9822-384b0aee87fc</a> (extension) Lacewing p13-24
09 Short questions part 1		Cardinal p426-430 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/political-philosophy-john-locke/religious-toleration">https://www.massolit.io/courses/political-philosophy-john-locke/religious-toleration</a> (extension) Lacewing p405-407
10 Short questions part 2		Cardinal p431 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/political-philosophy-john-locke/slavery-442d341a-0bb9-40a3-a767-e1b3149ff06e">https://www.massolit.io/courses/political-philosophy-john-locke/slavery-442d341a-0bb9-40a3-a767-e1b3149ff06e</a> (extension) Lacewing p407-409
11 25 mark questions		Cardinal p432-436 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/plato-euthyphro-and-meno/socrates">https://www.massolit.io/courses/plato-euthyphro-and-meno/socrates</a> (extension) Lacewing p409-420
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Student Schedule - What is knowledge?

Autumn Half Term 2, 24-25

Lesson Number & Title	Syllabus Content	Planned Study
01 Types of knowledge	The distinction between acquaintance knowledge, ability knowledge and propositional knowledge.	Cardinal p1-3  <a href="https://massolit.io/courses/knowledge-and-belief/reasons-and-the-simple-desire-view">https://massolit.io/courses/knowledge-and-belief/reasons-and-the-simple-desire-view</a>  Lacewing p30-31
02 Propositional knowledge, truth, justification, belief		Cardinal p3-p6  <a href="https://massolit.io/courses/knowledge-and-belief/true-belief-and-justified-true-belief">https://massolit.io/courses/knowledge-and-belief/true-belief-and-justified-true-belief</a>  Lacewing p32
03 a priori knowledge / a posteriori knowledge		Cardinal p94-95  <a href="https://massolit.io/courses/what-is-knowledge/knowledge-and-its-analysis">https://massolit.io/courses/what-is-knowledge/knowledge-and-its-analysis</a>  Lacewing p115
04 Zagzebski / necessary and sufficient	The nature of definition (including Linda Zagzebski) and how propositional knowledge may be analysed/defined.	Cardinal p6-9, p13-14  <a href="https://massolit.io/courses/what-is-knowledge/the-gettier-problem">https://massolit.io/courses/what-is-knowledge/the-gettier-problem</a>  Lacewing p32-37
05 tripartite explanation	The tripartite view Propositional knowledge is defined as justified true belief: S knows that p if and only if: S is justified in believing that p, p is true and S believes that p (individually necessary and jointly sufficient conditions)	Cardinal p9-13  <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/ancient-philosophical-influences-plato/plato-s-influence">https://www.massolit.io/courses/ancient-philosophical-influences-plato/plato-s-influence</a> (extension)  Lacewing p37-41
06 tripartite conditions necessary	Issues with the tripartite view including:  the conditions are not individually necessary	Cardinal p15-20  <a href="https://massolit.io/courses/knowledge-and-belief/believing-at-will">https://massolit.io/courses/knowledge-and-belief/believing-at-will</a>  Lacewing p41-47
07 tripartite conditions sufficient	Issues with the tripartite view including:  the conditions are not sufficient – cases of lucky true beliefs (including Edmund Gettier's original two counter examples)	Cardinal p20-24, anthology 1.1  <a href="https://massolit.io/courses/knowledge-and-belief/is-justified-true-belief-knowledge-the-gettier-problem">https://massolit.io/courses/knowledge-and-belief/is-justified-true-belief-knowledge-the-gettier-problem</a>  lacewing p47-49
08 Infallibilism	responses: alternative post-Gettier analyses/definitions of knowledge including:  strengthen the justification condition (ie infallibilism)	Cardinal p25-28  <a href="https://massolit.io/courses/what-is-knowledge/responses-to-gettier-cases-infallibilism-and-virtue-epistemology">https://massolit.io/courses/what-is-knowledge/responses-to-gettier-cases-infallibilism-and-virtue-epistemology</a>  Lacewing p53-55
09 No False Lemmas	responses: alternative post-Gettier analyses/definitions of knowledge including:  add a 'no false lemmas' condition (J+T+B+N)	Cardinal p28-31  <a href="https://massolit.io/courses/what-is-knowledge/responses-to-gettier-cases-no-false-lemmas-and-reliabilism">https://massolit.io/courses/what-is-knowledge/responses-to-gettier-cases-no-false-lemmas-and-reliabilism</a>  Lacewing p50-53
10 Reliabilism (including Reliabilism as a response to scepticism)	responses: alternative post-Gettier analyses/definitions of knowledge including:  replace 'justified' with 'reliably formed' (R+T+B) (ie reliabilism)	Cardinal p31-40  <a href="https://massolit.io/courses/knowledge-and-belief/the-value-of-knowledge-the-meno-problem">https://massolit.io/courses/knowledge-and-belief/the-value-of-knowledge-the-meno-problem</a>  Lacewing p55-58, p197-198
11 Virtue Epistemology	responses: alternative post-Gettier analyses/definitions of knowledge including:  replace 'justified' with an account of epistemic virtue (V+T+B).	Cardinal p40-47  <a href="https://massolit.io/courses/what-is-knowledge/beyond-the-analysis-of-knowledge">https://massolit.io/courses/what-is-knowledge/beyond-the-analysis-of-knowledge</a>  Lacewing p58-65
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Student Schedule - Perception as a source of knowledge

Spring Half Term 1, 24-25

Lesson Number & Title	Syllabus Content	Planned Study
01 Perception Introduction		Cardinal p48-49 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/introduction-to-perception">https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/introduction-to-perception</a> Lacewing p66
02 Realism & Antirealism and Indirect & Direct	Realism / Antirealism Direct / Indirect	Cardinal p49-53  Lacewing p66-67
03 Direct Realism and arguments in favour	Direct realism The immediate objects of perception are mind-independent objects and their properties	Cardinal p53-54 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/advantages-of-direct-realism">https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/advantages-of-direct-realism</a> Lacewing 67-68
04 Direct Realism problems 1	Issues for direct realism: the argument from illusion the argument from perceptual variation & responses to these issues	Cardinal p54-58, anthology 1.2 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/the-argument-from-illusion">https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/the-argument-from-illusion</a>  <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/the-argument-from-perceptual-variation">https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/the-argument-from-perceptual-variation</a> Lacewing p68-72
05 Direct Realism problems 2	Issues for direct realism: the argument from hallucination the time-lag argument and responses to these issues	Cardinal p58-60 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/the-argument-from-hallucination">https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/the-argument-from-hallucination</a>  <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/time-lag-cases">https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/time-lag-cases</a>  <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/conclusion-90c45e07-890d-42d2-a2fb-73ad592eaade">https://www.massolit.io/courses/direct-realism/conclusion-90c45e07-890d-42d2-a2fb-73ad592eaade</a> Lacewing p73-78
06 Indirect Realism and arguments in favour	Indirect realism The immediate objects of perception are mind-dependent objects (sense-data) that are caused by and represent mind-independent objects. John Locke's primary/secondary quality distinction	Cardinal p60-69, anthology 1.3, anthology 1.4, <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-philosophy-of-john-locke/ideas-and-sense-perception">https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-philosophy-of-john-locke/ideas-and-sense-perception</a>  <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-philosophy-of-john-locke/primary-and-secondary-qualities">https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-philosophy-of-john-locke/primary-and-secondary-qualities</a> Lacewing p78-83
07 Indirect Realism problems 1	Issue for indirect realism: the argument that it leads to scepticism about the existence of mind-independent objects. Responses including: Locke's argument from the involuntary nature of our experience the argument from the coherence of various kinds of experience, as developed by Locke and Catharine Trotter Cockburn (attrib) Bertrand Russell's response that the external world is the 'best hypothesis'	Cardinal p69-79, anthology 1.5, anthology 1.6, anthology 1.7, anthology 1.8, anthology 1.9, anthology 1.10, anthology 1.11, anthology 1.12 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-philosophy-of-john-locke/sensitive-knowledge">https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-philosophy-of-john-locke/sensitive-knowledge</a> Lacewing p83-90
08 Indirect Realism problems 2	Issue for indirect realism: the argument from George Berkeley that we cannot know the nature of mind-independent objects because mind-dependent ideas cannot be like mind-independent objects.	Cardinal p83-84  Lacewing p90-96
09 Idealism and arguments in favour	Berkeley's Idealism The immediate objects of perception (ie ordinary objects such as tables, chairs, etc) are mind-dependent objects.  Arguments for idealism including Berkeley's attack on the primary/secondary quality distinction and his 'Master' argument.	Cardinal p80-82, p84-86, anthology 1.13, anthology 1.14 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/berkeley-principles-of-human-knowledge/immediate-perception">https://www.massolit.io/courses/berkeley-principles-of-human-knowledge/immediate-perception</a>  <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/berkeley-principles-of-human-knowledge/against-indirect-realism">https://www.massolit.io/courses/berkeley-principles-of-human-knowledge/against-indirect-realism</a> Lacewing p96-108
10 Idealism problems 1	Issues for idealism: arguments from illusion and hallucination idealism leads to solipsism	Cardinal p86-90, anthology 1.15 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/berkeley-principles-of-human-knowledge/against-scientific-realism">https://www.massolit.io/courses/berkeley-principles-of-human-knowledge/against-scientific-realism</a> Lacewing p110-114
11 Idealism problems 2	Issue for idealism: problems with the role played by God in Berkeley's Idealism (including how can Berkeley claim that our ideas exist within God's mind given that he believes that God cannot feel pain or have sensations?)	Cardinal p90-93, anthology 1.16 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/berkeley-principles-of-human-knowledge/in-which-we-live-and-move-and-have-our-being">https://www.massolit.io/courses/berkeley-principles-of-human-knowledge/in-which-we-live-and-move-and-have-our-being</a> Lacewing p108-109
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Student Schedule - Reason as a source of knowledge and The limits of knowledge

Spring Half Term 2, 24-25

Lesson Number & Title	Syllabus Content	Planned Study
01 Innatism & Plato's Slave Boy	Innatism Argument from Plato (ie the 'slave boy' argument)	Cardinal p94-98, Anthology 1.17 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/descartes-meditations-on-first-philosophy/the-method-of-doubt">https://www.massolit.io/courses/descartes-meditations-on-first-philosophy/the-method-of-doubt</a> Lacewing p117-122
02 Leibniz' Argument From Necessary Truths	Innatism Argument from Gottfried Leibniz (ie his argument based on necessary truths).	Cardinal p99-102 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/descartes-meditations-on-first-philosophy/cogito-ergo-sum">https://www.massolit.io/courses/descartes-meditations-on-first-philosophy/cogito-ergo-sum</a> Lacewing p123-124
03 Locke's Arguments Against Innatism	Empiricist response to Innatism: Locke's arguments against innatism and issues with this response	Cardinal p102-106, Anthology 1.18, 1.19 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/descartes-meditations-on-first-philosophy/the-existence-of-god-from-finite-to-infinite">https://www.massolit.io/courses/descartes-meditations-on-first-philosophy/the-existence-of-god-from-finite-to-infinite</a> Lacewing p125-132
04 Mind As A Tabula Rasa	Empiricist response to Innatism: the mind as a 'tabula rasa' (the nature of impressions and ideas, simple and complex concepts) And issues with this response	Cardinal p106-117, Anthology 1.20, 1.21, 1.22 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/descartes-meditations-on-first-philosophy/from-god-to-science">https://www.massolit.io/courses/descartes-meditations-on-first-philosophy/from-god-to-science</a> Lacewing p133-149
05 Intuition and Deduction thesis, Analytic and synthetic	The intuition and deduction thesis The meaning of 'intuition' and 'deduction' and the distinction between them. René Descartes' notion of 'clear and distinct ideas'.	Cardinal p117-128 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/philosophical-scepticism-and-normal-incredulity">https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/philosophical-scepticism-and-normal-incredulity</a> Lacewing p114-117, p150-152
06 Cogito and responses	Descartes' cogito as an example of an a priori intuition Empiricist responses to Descartes' Cogito	Cardinal p130-136, Anthology 1.26 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/descartes-response-to-the-sceptical-challenge">https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/descartes-response-to-the-sceptical-challenge</a> Lacewing p154-159
07 Trademark and responses	Descartes' arguments for the existence of God as examples of a priori deductions Empiricist responses to this	Cardinal p136-142 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/john-locke-s-response-to-the-sceptical-challenge">https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/john-locke-s-response-to-the-sceptical-challenge</a> Lacewing 160-167
08 External World and responses including Hume's Fork	Descartes' proof of the external world as an example of a priori deductions Empiricist responses to this Hume's Fork as a response to intuition and deduction arguments	Cardinal p149-154, p125-130, Anthology 1.27 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/george-berkeley-s-response-to-the-sceptical-challenge">https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/george-berkeley-s-response-to-the-sceptical-challenge</a> Lacewing p152-154, p174-184
09 Scepticism	The limits of knowledge Particular nature of philosophical scepticism and the distinction between philosophical scepticism and normal incredulity. The role/function of philosophical scepticism within epistemology The distinction between local and global scepticism and the (possible) global application of philosophical scepticism	Cardinal p155-163 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/dogmatism">https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/dogmatism</a> Lacewing p185-189
10 Descartes' Waves Of Doubt	Descartes' sceptical arguments (the three 'waves of doubt')	Cardinal p163-176, Anthology 1.24, 1.25, 1.28 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/descartes-three-stages-of-doubt">https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/descartes-three-stages-of-doubt</a> Lacewing p189-193
11 Recap of Sceptical arguments we've seen: Descartes response – I+D thesis Locke's response – perception Berkeley's response – perception Russell's response – perception Reliabilism – what is knowledge	Responses to scepticism: the application of the following as responses to the challenge of scepticism: Descartes' own response empiricist responses (Locke, Berkeley and Russell) reliabilism.	Cardinal p176-197 <a href="https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/contextualism">https://www.massolit.io/courses/the-limits-of-knowledge-scepticism/contextualism</a> Lacewing p193-199
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