

# Course Outline and Schedule

For pedagogical reasons, the outline below is subject to change if we think changes will help us meet the educational goals of the course.

<b>CLASS #</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT SET 1 DUE 7 PM UTC</b>	<b>ASSIGNMENT SET 2 DUE 7 PM UTC</b>	<b>LIVE CLASS</b>	<b>TOPICS</b>	<b>DISCUSSION</b>
Q1 Week 1	Fri Oct 18	Mon Oct 21	Wed Oct 23	Objectivism's view of philosophy; Philosophy and the false methods of rationalism and empiricism	Onkar Ghate
Q1 Week 2	Fri Oct 25	Mon Oct 28	Wed Oct 30	The subject of morality; Foundations of the Objectivist ethics: Life as the standard of value	Ben Bayer
Q1 Week 3	Fri Nov 01	Mon Nov 04	Wed Nov 06	Man's life as the standard of value; The cardinal value of reason	Onkar Ghate
Q1 Week 4	Fri Nov 08	Mon Nov 11	Wed Nov 13	The cardinal value of purpose; The cardinal value of self-esteem	Aaron Smith
Q1 Week 5	Fri Nov 15	Mon Nov 18	Wed Nov 20	Descartes - Meditations on First Philosophy	Ben Bayer
Q1 Week 6	Fri Nov 22	Mon Nov 25	Wed Dec 04	The subject of metaphysics and beginning at the beginning; The axioms	Onkar Ghate
Q1 Week 7	Fri Dec 06	Mon Dec 09	Wed Dec 11	Causality; The primacy of existence and the primacy of consciousness; The metaphysically given and the man-made	Onkar Ghate
Q1 Week 8	Fri Dec 13	Mon Dec 16	Wed Dec 18	Idealism and arguments for the existence of God; Materialism	Ben Bayer

*BREAK BETWEEN Q1 and Q2*

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Q2 Week 1	Fri Jan 10	Mon Jan 13	Wed Jan 15	Perception: some philosophical questions about it; The validity of the senses and some of the arguments that seek to challenge their validity	Ben Bayer
Q2 Week 2	Fri Jan 16	Mon Jan 20	Wed Jan 22	Perceptual awareness: form and object; Free will and determinism: the philosophical debate	Mike Mazza
Q2 Week 3	Fri Jan 24	Mon Jan 27	Wed Jan 29	Free will and determinism -- What issues does an adequate theory of free will need to conceptualize and what questions does it need to answer?; Free will: the primary choice	Onkar Gbate
Q4 Week 4	Fri Jan 31	Mon Feb 03	Wed Feb 05	Primary and secondary choices; Choice, causality, and volition as an axiom	Onkar Gbate
Q5 Week 5	Fri Feb 07	Mon Feb 10	Wed Feb 12	Concepts: Plato's approach to concepts; The problem of universals: Plato vs. Aristotle	Ben Bayer
Q6 Week 6	Fri Feb 14	Mon Feb 17	Wed Feb 19	The problem of universals: Abelard, Locke, Berkeley, Hume; The Objectivist theory of concepts: measurement, isolation, abstraction	Onkar Gbate
Q7 Week 7	Fri Feb 21	Mon Feb 24	Wed Feb 26	The Objectivist theory of concepts: abstractions, abstraction from abstractions, and the cognitive role of concepts; The Objectivist theory of concepts: definitions	Ben Bayer
Q8 Week 8	Fri Feb 28	Mon Mar 03	Wed Mar 05	The Objectivist theory of concepts and the analytics-synthetic dichotomy;	Onkar Gbate

				Conceptualization: essentials, package-deals, and anti-concepts	
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