

PHIL105 readings 2024 (Trimester 2 2024)

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45 items

The meaning of life (5 items)

The meanings of lives - in The Variety of Values, by Susan Wolf, 2015-01-06

[Chapter](#) | Required | Reading for Week 1

Further suggested readings (4 items)

The absurd - in The Journal of Philosophy, by Thomas Nagel, 1971

[Article](#) | Recommended

Nothing matters, by Richard Hare, 1972

[Chapter](#) | Recommended | In Hare's "Applications of Moral Philosophy"

The meaning of life, by Richard Taylor, 1967

[Document](#) | Recommended

The absurdity of life without God, by William Lane Craig, 1984

[Document](#) | Recommended

Living forever (6 items)

The Makropulos case: Reflections on the tedium of immortality, by Bernard Williams, 1973

[Webpage](#) | Required

Further suggested readings (5 items)

Immortality without boredom - in Ratio, by Lisa Bortolotti; Yujin Nagasawa, 2009

[Article](#) | Recommended

Why immortality is not so bad, by John Fischer, 1994

[Article](#) | Recommended

Immortality and Boredom - in The Journal of Ethics, by John Martin Fischer; Benjamin Mitchell-Yellin, 2014

[Article](#) | Recommended

Identity, prudential concern, and extended lives, by Walter Glannon, 2002

[Article](#) | Recommended

Should I choose to never die? Williams, boredom, and the significance of mortality - in *Philosophical Studies: An International Journal for Philosophy in the Analytic Tradition*, by David Beglin, 2017

[Article](#) | Recommended

Are humans always selfish? (6 items)

Psychological egoism, by Joel Feinberg, 1978

[Article](#) | Required | This links to whole book. Please read only Chapter 2 by Feinberg.

Further suggested readings (5 items)

In Defence Of Weak Psychological Egoism, by Mark Mercer, 2001

[Document](#) | Recommended

The Evolution of Morality, by Richard Joyce, 2006

[Book](#) | Recommended | Read Section 1.1

Psychological egoism, by Elliott Sober, 2013

[Book](#) | Recommended | This links to whole book. Please read only Chapter 7 by Sober.

Self-Interest and the Concept of Self-Sacrifice - in *Canadian Journal of Philosophy*, by Mark Carl Overvold, 1980

[Article](#) | Recommended

Psychological Egoism and Self-Interest. - in *Reason Papers*, by William Irwin, 2017

[Article](#) | Recommended

Skepticism: Ancient Greek (2 items)

Knowledge: A Very Short Introduction, by Jennifer Nagel, 2014

[Book](#) | Recommended | This links to whole book. Please read only Chapters 1 and 2.

The Deep Challenge of Pyrrhonian Scepticism, by David Hiley, 1987

[Article](#) | Recommended

Skepticism: Descartes (3 items)

Meditations, by Rene Descartes, 1641

[Book](#) | Required | This is all of Descartes' "Meditations." Only Meditations 1-3 are really relevant.

Further suggested readings (2 items)

Descartes's Method of Doubt, by Janet Broughton, 2004

[Book](#) | Recommended

Descartes and Ancient Skepticism: Reheated Cabbage? - in *The Philosophical Review*, by Gail Fine, 2000

[Article](#) | Recommended

Responses to skepticism (10 items)

Skepticism aside - in *Knowledge and Skepticism*, by Catherine Elgin, edited by Joseph Campbell, 2010

[Chapter](#) | **Required** | This links to a whole book, so you'll have to navigate to the Elgin chapter. (But the introduction to the book also provides a good overview of the philosophical issues surrounding skepticism.)

Further suggested readings (9 items)

Proof of an external world, by G. E. Moore, 1959

[Webpage](#) | Recommended

Moore and Skepticism - in *The Oxford Handbook of Skepticism*, by Noah Lemos, edited by John Greco, 2008

[Chapter](#) | Recommended

Moore against the New Sceptics - in *Philosophical Studies: An International Journal for Philosophy in the Analytic Tradition*, by William G. Lycan, 2001

[Article](#) | Recommended

A Contextualist Theory of Epistemic Justification - in *American Philosophical Quarterly*, by David Annis, 1978

[Article](#) | Recommended

Contextualism in Epistemology - in *Analysis*, by Robin McKenna, 2015

[Article](#) | Recommended

Is Justified True Belief Knowledge? - in *Analysis*, by Edmund Gettier, 1963

[Article](#) | Recommended

The Inescapability of Gettier Problems - in *Philosophical Quarterly*, by Linda Zagzebski, 1994

[Article](#) | Recommended

What Is Justified Belief? - in *Reliabilism and Contemporary Epistemology Essays*, by Alvin Goldman, 1979

[Chapter](#) | **Required**

Justification and truth - in *Philosophical Studies*, by Stewart Cohen, 1983

[Article](#) | Recommended

Testimony and miracles (3 items)

Of Miracles, by David Hume, 1748

Webpage | **Required**

Further suggested readings (2 items)

The Epistemology of Testimony, edited by Jennifer Lackey; Ernest Sosa, 2006

Book | **Recommended** | This links through to a whole book, which contains many interesting articles on the topic.

Testimony and Observation - in American Philosophical Quarterly, by C. A. J. Coady, 1973

Article | **Recommended**

Does God Exist? (2 items)

You aren't required to complete both readings this week, but you should read at least one.

Does Origins of Life Research Rest on a Mistake ? - in Noûs, by Roger White, 2007-09

Article | **Recommended**

The Evil-God Challenge - in Religious Studies, by Stephen Law, 2010-09

Article | **Recommended**

What is Science? (2 items)

Science: Conjectures and Refutations - in Conjectures and Refutations: The Growth of Scientific Knowledge, by Karl R. Popper, 1962

Chapter | **Required**

Science and Pseudoscience - in The Methodology of Scientific Research Programmes: Philosophical Papers Volume 1, by Imre Lakatos, edited by John Worrall; Gregory Currie, 1978

Chapter | **Required**

Test + Power Outage Week

The reading for this week has been moved to next week.

What is Justice? Pt. 1 (2 items)

Both readings are required, but hopefully you already read the Rawls reading, as it was originally assigned in the previous week.

A Theory of Justice, by John Rawls

Book | **Required** | Please read pp. 3-22 (Sections 1-4). Recommended: pp. 150-161 (Section 25)

Distributive Justice - Section 1 - in Anarchy, state, and utopia, by Robert Nozick, 1974

Chapter | **Required** | Please read pp. 149-64 and 174-79.

What is Justice? Pt. 2 (2 items)

Why Not Socialism?, by G. A. Cohen, 2009

Book | **Required** | You should read the entire book, but note that it's an extremely short book.

Self-Ownership and Equality: A Lockean Reconciliation - in *Philosophy Public Affairs*, by Michael Otsuka, 1998

Article | **Recommended**

What is Love? (2 items)

The Paradoxes of Time Travel - in *American Philosophical Quarterly*, by David Lewis, 1976

Article | **Required**

A Tripartite Theory of Love - in *Journal of Ethics and Social Philosophy*, by Sam Shpall, 2018

Article | **Recommended** | This was one of the originally assigned readings, but we won't be covering it in class due things getting bumped back by the power outage. However, you may want to read the paper out of general interest, so I have left it up here on the reading list.