

Epistemology
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Epistemology is the theory of knowledge and it is a central component of theoretical philosophy. In this course we will cover the major themes in contemporary analytic epistemology. These themes include the nature of knowledge and of justification, the relationship between epistemology and psychology, and the problem of radical skepticism. In the final part of the course, we will focus on the topic of self-knowledge.

Introduction: Justified True Belief

23 April

Plato *Theaetetus* 201c-201d

Gettier, E. "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?" *Analysis* 23 (1963) 121-123.

Foundationalism and Coherentism

30 April

Sellars, W. "The Myth of Jones" from *Empiricism and the Philosophy of Mind* (1956/1997)

Quine, W.V.O. "Two Dogmas of Empiricism" (1951)

Prior, J. "There is Immediate Justification" in Steup & Sosa (eds.) *Contemporary Debates in Epistemology* (2005)

Knowledge How and Knowledge That

7 May

Ryle, G. *The Concept of Mind* (selections)

Stanley, J. & Williamson, T. "Knowing How" *Journal of Philosophy* 98 (2001) 411-444.

Noë, A. "Against Intellectualism" *Analysis* 65 (2005) 278-290.

Skepticism

14 May

Descartes, R. *Meditations on First Philosophy* Meditation One

DeRose, K. "Solving the Skeptical Problem" *The Philosophical Review* 104 (1995) 1-52.

Internalist Justification

21 May

Chisholm, R. *Theory of Knowledge* (1967) selections

Goldman, A. "Internalism Exposed" *Journal of Philosophy* (1999) 271-293.

Externalist Justification

28 May

Goldman, A. "A Causal Theory of Knowing" *Journal of Philosophy* 64 (1967) 357-372.

Goldman, A. "Discrimination and Perceptual Knowledge" *Journal of Philosophy* 73 (1976) 771-791.

Perceptual Knowledge

4 June

Kant, I. *Critique of Pure Reason* A51/B75

Davidson, D. "A Coherence Theory of Truth and Knowledge" (1983)

McDowell, J. *Lecture I of Mind and World* (Harvard University Press, 1994)

Knowledge as Evidence and Epistemic Intuitions

11 June

Williamson, T. "Knowledge as Evidence" *Mind* 106 (1997) 1-25.

Weinberg J. et al. "Normativity and Epistemic Intuitions" *Philosophical Topics* 29 (2001) 429-460.

Epistemology and Natural Science

18 June

Quine, W.V.O. "Epistemology Naturalized" (1969)

Clark, A. "Expecting the World: Perception, Prediction, and the Origins of Human Knowledge" *Journal of Philosophy* 9 (2014).

Social Epistemology

25 June

Plato *Charmides* 170b-172b

Goldman, A. "Foundations of Social Epistemics" *Synthese* 73 (1987) 109-144.

Fricker, M. "Rational authority and social power: Towards a truly social epistemology" *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* 98 (1998) 159-177.

Self-Knowledge Part I: Introspection

2 July

Plato *Phaedrus* 230a

Byrne, A. "Introspection" *Philosophical Topics* 33 (2005) 79-104.

Shoemaker, S. "Self-Knowledge and 'Inner Sense'" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 54 (1994) 249-314.

Moran, R. "Précis of *Authority and Estrangement: An essay on self-knowledge*" *Philosophy and Phenomenological Research* 69 (2004) 423-426.

Self-Knowledge Part II: Skepticism

9 July

Nisbett, R. and Wilson, T. "Telling more than we can know: Verbal reports on mental processes" *Psychological Review* 84 (1977) 231-259.

Dennett, D. *Consciousness Explained* Chapter 3 (Little, Brown and Co., 1991)

Schwitzgebel, E. "The Unreliability of Naive Introspection" *Philosophical Review* 117 (2008) 245-273.

Self-Knowledge Part III: Anti-Luminosity

16 July

Williamson, T. "Cognitive Homelessness" *Journal of Philosophy* 93 (1996) 554-573.

Weatherson, B. "Luminous Margins" *Australasian Journal of Philosophy* 82 (2004) 373-383.

Self-Knowledge Part IV: Self-Deception

23 July

Deweese-Boyd, I. "Self-Deception" in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (2012)

Mele, A. "Real Self-Deception" *Behavioral and Brain Sciences* 20 (1997) 91-102.