

EPISTEMOLOGY
BRENDAN MURDAY

Text: *Epistemology: An Anthology*
Ernest Sosa and Jaegwon Kim, eds.

Assignments: - 1 paper (approximately 3000 words).
- 4 weeklies (approximately 1000 words each), distributed throughout the semester.

Schedule:

- Weeks 1-3: Analysis of Knowledge
Gettier, 'Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?'
Klein, 'A Proposed Definition of Propositional Knowledge'
Nozick, 'Knowledge and Skepticism'
on reserve: Dretske, 'Conclusive Reasons'
Lehrer and Paxson, 'Knowledge: Undefeated Justified True Belief'
- Weeks 3-4: Concepts of Epistemic Justification
Feldman/Conee, 'Evidentialism'
Foley, 'Skepticism and Rationality'
On reserve: Alston, 'The Deontological Conception of Epistemic Justification'
Alston, 'Concepts of Epistemic Justification'
- Weeks 5-6: Foundationalism and Coherentism
Chisholm, 'The Myth of the Given'
Sosa, 'The Raft and the Pyramid'
Davidson, 'A Coherence Theory of Truth and Knowledge'
- Week 7: The Pyrrhonian Problematic
van Cleve, 'Foundationalism, Epistemic Principles, and the Cartesian Circle'
Sosa, 'Reflective Knowledge in the Best Circles'
- Week 8: Naturalized Epistemology
Quine, 'Epistemology Naturalized'
Kim, 'What is "Naturalized Epistemology"?'

- Weeks 9-10: Externalism
Goldman, 'What is Justified Belief?'
Alston, 'How to Think about Reliability'
Conee/Feldman, 'The Generality Problem for Reliabilism'
Fumerton, 'Externalism and Scepticism'
- Week 11: Virtue Epistemology
Plantinga, 'Warrant: A First Approximation'
Greco, 'Virtues and Vices of Virtue Epistemology'
- Week 12: Skepticism
Stroud, 'The Problem of the External World'
Moore, 'Proof of an External World'
Moore, 'Four Forms of Scepticism'
Moore, 'Certainty'
Unger, 'An Argument for Skepticism'
- Week 13: Contextualism
DeRose, 'Solving the Skeptical Problem'
Cohen, 'Contextualist Solutions to Epistemological Problems: Scepticism, Gettier, and the Lottery'
- Week 14: Relativism
Williams, 'Epistemological Realism'
Moser, 'Justification, Meta-Epistemology, and Meaning'