

PHI 107 Theories of Knowledge and Reality Spring 2022 107 HL MW 11:40 - 12:35	Heller heller@syrr.edu Office Hours: MW 12:45-1:45 and by appointment. Office: 530 HL Note: I will probably be there during office hours. I will definitely be there if we have an appointment. 
Discussion Sections	04 Fr 9:30-10:25 HBCrouse 213A.....Bertie Probyn.....bnprobyn@syrr.edu 07 Fr 10:35-11:30 Smith Hall 337.....Bertie Probyn 08 Fr 11:40-12:35 Link 114.....Victor Sholl.....vnicolau@syrr.edu 12 Fr 12:45-1:40 HBCrouse 213A.....Victor Sholl Your TA is your primary contact person for everything. If you write to Heller, the initial response will always be: "Did you write to your TA?"
Goals	** To expose students to traditional philosophical debates. ** To develop skills in thinking and writing carefully about abstract topics. ** To subject our fundamental beliefs to philosophical scrutiny. NOTE: This course counts as a "writing intensive course."
Topics to be covered:	1. Do we really know anything? 2. Are we anything beyond our bodies? 3. Do we have free will? 4. Does God exist?
Readings	Readings will be announced at the end of each class.
Attendance	Attendance is expected. You should attend all classes. To be explicit, that includes all of Heller's lectures and all of your TA's discussion sections. For each unit, we will deduct points from your exam grade for poor attendance. If you miss two classes you will lose ½ a plus/minus grade. If you miss three classes, you will drop down a whole plus/minus grade. If you miss four classes you will lose 1½ plus minus grades, and if you miss five or more classes, you will lose 2 plus/minus grades. Attendance resets for each new unit. Absences will be excused for good reasons (like illness or family emergencies), not for bad reasons (like sleeping through an alarm or attending a concert). Unfortunately, even excused absences will hurt you, in so far as you are less likely to learn the material.
Grades	There are 4 exams, each with two parts. - Part I will be 20 short answer questions (one to two sentences). This part is in-class. - For the first three units, Part II will be a take home essay of approximately 1000 words. The take home essay will be due one week after the in-class portion of the exam and will be submitted via Turnitin on Blackboard. - For the final exam, Part II will be an essay written during the exam period. - For each exam, the part you do better on will count as 2/3 of your exam grade, and the part you do worse on will count as 1/3 of your exam grade. Each exam will be worth 25% of your course grade (any slight variations will only be to help the student). There is no extra credit. None. Not any. Zippo.
Exam Dates	Mon Feb 14 Mon Mar 21 Mon Apr 18 Fri, May 06, 3:00pm5:00pm (in our normal classroom) The exam will NOT be cumulative. It will just cover the material from the 4th unit.

Disability-Related Accommodations

If you believe that you need accommodations for a disability, please contact the Office of Disability Services (ODS), <http://disabilityservices.syr.edu>, located in Room 309 of 804 University Avenue, or call (315) 443-4498, TDD: (315) 443-1371 for an appointment to discuss your needs and the process for requesting accommodations. ODS is responsible for coordinating disability-related accommodations and will issue students with documented Disabilities Accommodation Authorization Letters, as appropriate. Since accommodations may require early planning and generally are not provided retroactively, please contact ODS as soon as possible.

Religious Observances Policy

SU religious observances policy, found at http://supolicies.syr.edu/emp_ben/religious_observance.htm, recognizes the diversity of faiths represented among the campus community and protects the rights of students, faculty, and staff to observe religious holidays according to their tradition. Under the policy, students are provided an opportunity to make up any examination, study, or work requirements that may be missed due to a religious observance provided they notify their instructors before the end of the second week of classes for regular session classes and by the submission deadline for flexibly formatted classes.

Academic Integrity

Syracuse University's [Academic Integrity Policy](#) reflects the high value that we, as a university community, place on honesty in academic work. The policy holds students accountable for the integrity of all work they submit and for upholding course-specific, as well as university-wide, academic integrity expectations. The policy governs citation and use of sources, the integrity of work submitted in exams and assignments, and truthfulness in all academic matters, including course attendance and participation. The policy also prohibits students from: 1) submitting the same work in more than one class without receiving advance written authorization from both instructors and, 2) using websites that charge fees or require uploading of course materials to obtain exam solutions or assignments completed by others and present the work as their own. Under the policy, instructors who seek to penalize a student for a suspected violation must first report the violation to the Center for Learning and Student Success (CLASS). Students may not drop or withdraw from courses in which they face a suspected violation. Instructors must wait to assign a final course grade until a suspected violation is reviewed and upheld or overturned. Upholding Academic Integrity includes abiding by instructors' individual course expectations, which may include the protection of their intellectual property. Students should not upload, distribute, or otherwise share instructors' course materials without permission. Students found in violation of the policy are subject to grade sanctions determined by the course instructor and non-grade sanctions determined by the School or College where the course is offered, as described in the Violation and Sanction Classification Rubric. Students are required to read an online summary of the University's academic integrity expectations and provide an electronic signature agreeing to abide by them twice a year during pre-term check-in on MySlice.

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