

## Philosophy 700: *Proseminar*

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### Office Hours

- Vanessa de Harven: Tu 12-2, and by appointment (South College E309)
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### Course Requirements

- ❖ Weekly writing assignments (2-page executive briefing + 1 page of questions) due Wednesdays at 9 a.m. when not presenting (30% total)
- ❖ Four presentations, with handout (1-2 pages) (20% total)
- ❖ Midterm paper (8-10 pages) on value theory (due March 10) (20%)
- ❖ Final paper (8-10 pages) on metaphysics (due May 10) (20%)
- ❖ Participation (10%)

### Schedule (subject to change)

Jan 25 Introduction

Feb 1 Plato, *Euthyphro*  
Louise Antony, “Good Minus God,” *The New York Times*  
[https://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/12/18/good-minus-god/?\\_r=0](https://opinionator.blogs.nytimes.com/2011/12/18/good-minus-god/?_r=0)

Plato, *Protagoras* 349b-362a

8 Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* I.1-2, 6-7

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* II.1-6

15 G. E. Moore, “Is Goodness a Quality?” *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society* **11** (1932), pp. 116-131

Christine Korsgaard, “Two Distinction in Goodness,” *The Philosophical Review* **92**, (1983), pp. 169-19

22 Philippa Foot, “Utilitarianism and the Virtues,” *Mind* **94** (1985), pp. 196-209

Fred Feldman, “World Utilitarianism,” in Fred Feldman, *Utilitarianism, Hedonism, and Desert* (Cambridge University Press, 1997), pp. 17-35

- Mar 1 Linda Zagzebski, "Exemplarist Virtue Theory," *Metaphilosophy* **41** (2010), pp. 41-57
- 8 Ruth Chang, "The Possibility of Parity," *Ethics* **112** (2002), pp. 659-688
- 10 Midterm Papers due at 5 p.m.
- 15 ***Spring break***
- 22 Plato, *Phaedo* 57a-80b, 95b-107d; *Symposium* 206d-212c  
*Republic* V 476c-480a; VI 490e-493e, 504d-511e; VII 514a-534e; X 595a-603b
- 29 *Parmenides* 126a-137c, *Theaetetus* 201e-206b, *Sophist* 241b-268d  
 Verity Harte, "Plato's Metaphysics of Structure," *Plato on Parts and Wholes* (Oxford, 2002), pp. 267-281
- Apr 5 G. W. Leibniz, *The Monadology* (1714), 1-45  
 G. W. Leibniz, *The Monadology* (1714), 46-90
- 12 Aristotle, *Categories* I.1-5, *Metaphysics* IV.1-3; VII.1, 13  
 Aristotle, *Metaphysics* V.24-26, VII.17  
 Mary Louise Gill, "Introduction," *The Paradox of Unity*, Princeton (1989), pp. XXX
- 19 Kathrin Koslicki, "Objects as Structured Wholes," from *The Structure of Objects* (Oxford, 2008), pp. 167-199
- 26 Karen Bennett, "Construction area (no hard hat required)," *Philosophical Studies* **154** (2011), pp. 79-104
- May 10 Final Papers due at 5 p.m.