# Required Texts

The bookstore has two texts that you are required to buy: Plato’s *The Trial and Death of Socrates* (2000:Hackett); and Linda Zagzebski’s  *On Epistemology* (2009:Wadsworth). Besides these texts I will be providing PDFs of other readings throughout the semester.

# Schedule

**All page numbers refer to the numbers IN THE TEXT**

**W 8/19** Introduction

No readings

*First question: “What is Good?”\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**F 8/21** James Rachels, *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*, “The Challenge of

Cultural Relativism.” pp. 16-31. **(PDF)**

**m 8/24** Plato, *Trial and Death of Socrates*, “Apology” pp. 20-29

**w 8/26** Plato, *Trial and Death of Socrates*, “Apology” pp. 29- 42

**F 8/28** Plato, *Trial and Death of Socrates,* “Crito” pp. 43-54

**M 8/31** Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, pp.1-7 (ending at Chapter 6) (**PDF)**

**W 9/2** Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, pp. 10-15 (starting at Chapter 7) & pp.20-

22 (starting at Chapter 13) **(PDF)**

**F 9/4**  **No Class, Jordan out of town.**

**M 9/7** **Labor Day, No Class**

**W 9/9** J.S. Mill, *On Liberty,* pp 1- 14 **(PDF)**

**F 9/11** Thomas Cathcart, *The Trolley Problem or Would You Throw the*

*Fat Guy Off the Bridge?*, pp.1-6. **(PDF)**

Patrick Lin, *Wired*, “The Robot Car of Tomorrow May Just Be Programed to Hit You.” **(Online)** http://www.wired.com/2014/05/the-robot-car-of-tomorrow-might-just-be-programmed-to-hit-you/

*Second question: “What is True?”\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M 9/14** Linda Zagzebski, *On Epistemology*, pp.1-13

**W 9/16** Linda Zagzebski, *On Epistemology*, pp. 13-24

**F 9/18 First Paper Due by class time. Discussion, no readings**

**M 9/21** Linda Zagzebski, *On Epistemology*, pp. 25-38

**W 9/23** Linda Zagzebski, *On Epistemology*, pp. 77-92 (stop at section B)

**F 9/25 Discussion, no readings**

**M 9/28** Linda Zagzebski, *On Epistemology*,pp. 131-141

**W 9/30** Linda Zagzebski, *On Epistemology,* pp. 141-152

**F 10/2** **Discussion, no readings.**

*Third question: “What is Beautiful?”\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M 10/5** Denis Dutton, “Aesthetic Universals”, *The Routledge Companion to*

*Aesthetics,* 2nd ed. (Routledge:2002), pp. 279-282 **(PDF)**

Jennifer A. McMahon, “Beauty”, *The Routledge Companion to*

*Aesthetics,* 2nd ed. (Routledge:2002), pp. 307-310 **(PDF)**

**W 10/7** John Dewey, *Art as Experience*, pp. 1-11 **(PDF)**

**F 10/9** **Discussion, no readings**

**M 10/12** John Dewey, *Art as Experience*, pp. 36- 47 **(PDF)**

**W 10/14** John Dewey, *Art as Experience*, pp. 48-52, & 55 (starting at the bottom

paragraph)- 59. **(PDF)**

**F 10/16 Fall Break, No Class**

**M 10/19** Berys Gaut, “Art and Ethics”, pp. 431-442 **(PDF)**

**W 10/21** Walter Benjamin, “The Work of Art in the Age of Mechanical

Reproduction”, pp.217-226, **IF YOU ARE FEELING BRAVE try also reading the epilogue pp.241-242** **(PDF)**

**F 10/23 Discussion, no readings**

*Fourth question: “What* ***‘is’****?”\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_*

**M 10/26** **Second Paper Due by class time.**

Amie L. Thomasson, “Research Problems and Methods in Metaphysics”

[excerpt], pp. 1-3. (**Word Document)**

Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz, *On the Ultimate Origination of Things*, pp. **Indicated in Text** **(PDF)**

**W 10/28** J. L. Mackie, “Evil and Omnipotence”, *The Problem of Evil: Selected*

*Readings*, pp.89-101**(PDF)**

**F 10/30 Discussion, no readings**

**M 11/2** Peter Van Inwagon, “The Mystery of Metaphysical Freedom” in

*Metaphysics*: *The Big Questions*, (Blackwell: 1998), **(PDF) 459-465 [excerpt]**

**W 11/ 4** Alfred Mele, “Tuesday Night” & “Wednesday Morning” in *A Dialogue on*

*Free Will and Science*, **(PDF) 28-49 [excerpt]**

**F 11/6 Discussion, no readings**

**M 11/9** Harry Frankfurt, “Alternative Possibilities and Moral Responsibility”,

**(PDF) 829-830, 835-839.**

**W 11/11** Susan Wolf, “Sanity and Moral Responsibility” **(PDF)**

**F 11/13** **Discussion, no readings**

**M 11/16** John W. Carroll and Ned Markosian, “Time” from *An Introduction to*

*Metaphysics*, pp. 159-167 **(PDF)**

**W 11/18** Theodore Sider, *Four Dimensionalism: An Ontology of Persistence*

*and Time*, “The Four Dimensional Picture” pp. 1-10 **(PDF)**

**F 11/20 Discussion, no readings**

*Final question: “What do* ***you*** *care about?”*

**M 11/23**  Student Chosen Topics, **No Readings**

**W 11/25** Student Chosen Topics, **No Readings**

**F 11/27 Thanksgiving Break**

**M 11/30** Final Lecture: Plato, *Trial and Death of Socrates*, “Phaedo”,

pp. 55-58

**Sat 12/5** **Final Paper Due by 11:59PM**