



Philosophy Level II

Course Schedule

	Subject	Notes
Week 1	<p>a) Structuralism - Everything has structure, Structural Law, Ferdinand de Saussure, Language involves concepts, Sign/Signifier and that which is Signified, The</p> <p>b) Post-Structuralism - the role of the Reader/Listener, The Concept of Self, Intended meaning and Perceived Meaning, Jacques Derrida: Language is based on dichotomies, Deconstruction, Jacques Lacan: the unconscious is Structured like a language.</p>	
Week 2	<p>Virtue Ethics Theory - What is the right action in this moment, We look back to Aristotle, Utilitarianism/Deontology/Consequentialism/Relativism, Immanuel Kant: Critical Method, The Categorical Imperative, Today: Agent-based theory, The Ethics of Care, Elisabeth Anscome and Alasdair MacIntyre</p>	
Week 3	<p>Political Philosophy - Democracy: Thomas Jefferson, Abraham Lincoln, Franklyn Roosevelt, Capitalism, Karl Marx: Socialism, Communism, Lenin, Fascism: Hitler, Mussolini, Nationalism, Machiavelli, Third World Politics</p>	
Week 4	<p>Media Philosophy: Cable News, Social Media and the Role of Informational Truth - Noam Chomsky: Manufacturing Consent, Marshal McLuhan,</p>	

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William Paley, Vietnam and Television, 9/11 and the Invasion of Iraq, Cable News/Social Media and the 2016/2020 Elections	
Week 5	Philosophy and the Historical Role of Dissent - Protest in History, The American, French and Russian Revolutions, Gandhi, Mandela, the Civil Rights Movement, The Anti-War Movement, The Woman's Movement, Violent Dissent: The Weather Underground, Black September, The Taliban, Dissent in 2021, Navalny
Week 6	Religious Philosophy - The Greek gods, Christianity, Buddha, Hinduism, the Hebrew god, Allah, Native American spirituality, Agnosticism and Atheism
Week 7	Mind/Consciousness/Materialism/Idealism - The Physical Brain, The Concept of Mind: Dualism, Monism, and the Hard Problem Introspection, Materialism: All is Substance, Idealism: We mentally construct reality
