San Francisco State University
Department of Philosophy
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Phil 610 Theory of Knowledge
Mon 3.10-5.55pm HUM 115

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Description: A survey of contemporary theories of knowledge.

Main texts:
Papers on reserve or available online.

Requirements:
One short argument analysis exercise (AA), due Feb 20.
One short reading analysis exercise (RA), due Mar 6.
Midterm paper, due Mar 27 [5 pages].
Final paper: outline due May 3; paper due May 15 [7 pages].

Grading: AA and RA are graded P/F, but you must complete them to pass the course. If you fail either of them you must come to talk to me to make it up. Final grade is determined by the midterm paper grade and the final paper grade, with the latter counting more. Active participation in class helps your grade; lack thereof hurts. Except in exceptional circumstances, late papers will be graded at the end of the term and will receive minimal feedback.

Attendance:
Attendance is strongly encouraged. Be sure to come on time (and stay throughout the class period), have read the relevant material, and be ready to participate actively in the class. It is your responsibility to get any assignments, revisions of the syllabus, etc. from the course website if you don't show up in class. Be sure to check your SFSU email account regularly or have email forwarded to the account to use.

Plagiarism:
All work submitted for the course must be your own. Plagiarism will result in disciplinary action. For more details see: http://www.sfsu.edu/~collhum/plagiarism.html

Disability - Reasonable Accommodation:
Academic accommodations are available for students with disabilities. Please see the Disability Programs and Resource Center in the Student Services Building 110 and talk to me as soon as possible to discuss any accommodation that you may need for the course.

Jan 29, 2006
Class schedule (tentative):

Mon Jan 30: Introduction
Mon Feb 6: No class
Mon Feb 13: Perception, *Epistemology*, pp. 27-84
Mon Feb 27: Reason and the *a priori*, *Epistemology*, pp. 125-216
Mon Apr 10: Spring break. No class.
Mon Apr 17: The analysis of “knowledge”, *Epistemology*, pp. 435-506
Mon May 1: Feminist epistemology. Outline of final paper due.
Mon May 8: Self-knowledge
Mon May 15: Last class. Final paper due.