



Philosophy Major Reading List 2019 Entry

INTRODUCTION

We are delighted that you are joining us in the Philosophy Faculty this Autumn. A few ideas for exploratory Summer reading meanwhile:

- Simon Blackburn, *Think* (1999)
- Edward Craig, *Philosophy: A Very Short Introduction* (2002)
- Bernard Williams, *Morality: An Introduction to Ethics* (1972)
- Daniel C. Dennett, *Intuition Pumps and Other Tools for Thinking* (2013)
- René Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, ed. J. Cottingham (1641)
- David Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (1748)
- J. L. Mackie, *Ethics: Inventing Right and Wrong* (1977)
- Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto* (1848)
- J. S. Mill, *On Liberty* (1869); *The Subjection of Women* (1869)
- Thomas Nagel, *Mortal Questions* (1979)
- Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morality*, ed. M. Clark and A. Swensen (1887)
- Plato, *The Last Days of Socrates* ed. Tredennick (Penguin Classics)
- Graham Priest, *Logic: A Very Short Introduction* (2000)
- Bertrand Russell, *The Problems of Philosophy* (1912)
- Michael Sandel, *Justice: What's the Right Thing to Do?* (2009)
- Jonathan Wolff, *An Introduction to Political Philosophy* (1996)

See below for links to online philosophy encyclopedia, commentary, and podcasts.

Our advice is to follow your interests and keep in mind that one often gets more from close-reading a single work than from skimming several. If you have questions or would like more guidance for a specific topic, please don't hesitate to email me (naomi.goulder@nchlondon.ac.uk).

Happy reading,

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USEFUL RESOURCES

- <http://www.iep.utm.edu/> (Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy – accessible online philosophy encyclopedia)
- <http://philosophybites.com/> (Philosophy Bites - 'podcasts of top philosophers interviewed on bite-sized topics')
- <http://plato.stanford.edu/> (Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy - very good up-to-date scholarly online philosophy encyclopedia; pitched at a high level)
- <http://philosophynow.org/podcasts> (Philosophy Now - podcasts on e.g. 'Philosophy and Literature', 'Free Will and the Brain', 'The Tragedy of Life')
- <http://www.philosophersmag.com> (The Philosophers' Magazine)
- <http://www.bbc.co.uk/radio4/features/in-our-time/archive/philosophy/all> (In Our Time - accessible academic discussions of major philosophical figures and theories)
- <http://www.philosophytalk.org> ('conversation on a wide variety of issues ranging from popular culture to our most deeply-held beliefs about science, morality, and the human condition')
- <http://philosophy.sas.ac.uk> (Institute of Philosophy: year-round programme of philosophy talks and conferences at Senate House, 2 minutes from College)
- <http://www.royalinstitutephilosophy.org/podcasts/listing> (Royal Institute of Philosophy: podcasts and ongoing Lecture Series round the corner in Gordon Sq.)
<http://philevents.org> (Phil Events: a fast-growing worldwide philosophy events site)
- <http://consc.net/weblogs.html> (academic philosophy blogs, organized by topic)
<http://philpapers.org/> (PhilPapers: an easily searchable database of recent philosophy publications – some accessible only with NCH student log-in details.)
- <http://www.gutenberg.org/> (Project Gutenberg provides over 40,000 free high-quality classic ebooks)
- <http://ndpr.nd.edu/> (Notre Dame Philosophical Reviews – philosophy book reviews)
- Finally, for advice on writing philosophy, see these widely-admired guidelines from Jim Pryor: <http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/writing.html> and this excellent guide from students at Cambridge University: <https://www.phil.cam.ac.uk/current-students/writing-skills/phil-essay-guide>.