

Syllabus for the Course: Philosophy of Knowledge

1. Course Topics

1. **Introduction to Epistemology**
 - Definition and Scope
 - Historical Overview
2. **Ancient Epistemology**
 - Plato's Theory of Knowledge
 - Aristotle's Epistemology
3. **Medieval Epistemology**
 - St. Augustine
 - St. Thomas Aquinas
4. **Rationalism**
 - René Descartes
 - Baruch Spinoza
 - Gottfried Wilhelm Leibniz
5. **Empiricism**
 - John Locke
 - George Berkeley
 - David Hume
6. **Kantian Epistemology**
 - Immanuel Kant's Critique of Pure Reason
 - Synthetic A Priori Judgments
7. **19th Century Epistemology**
 - Positivism (Auguste Comte)
 - Historicism (Wilhelm Dilthey)
8. **Phenomenology and Knowledge**
 - Edmund Husserl
 - Maurice Merleau-Ponty
9. **Pragmatism**
 - Charles Sanders Peirce
 - William James
 - John Dewey
10. **Analytic Philosophy and Knowledge**
 - Bertrand Russell
 - Ludwig Wittgenstein
11. **Contemporary Theories of Knowledge**
 - Internalism vs. Externalism
 - Reliabilism
12. **The Gettier Problem**
 - Edmund Gettier's Challenge to the Traditional Definition of Knowledge
13. **Epistemic Justification**
 - Foundationalism vs. Coherentism
 - Virtue Epistemology
14. **Skepticism**
 - Classical Skepticism
 - Modern Responses to Skepticism
15. **Knowledge and Science**
 - The Scientific Method

- Theory and Observation in Science

2. Learning Outcomes

1. **Understanding Key Epistemological Theories:**
 - Students will be able to describe and critically engage with major theories and figures in the history of epistemology.
2. **Analyzing and Evaluating Epistemological Problems:**
 - Students will be capable of analyzing and critically evaluating key epistemological problems, such as the Gettier problem and responses to skepticism.
3. **Applying Epistemological Concepts:**
 - Students will be able to apply epistemological concepts to understand and address issues related to the nature and scope of human knowledge in both academic and practical contexts.

3. Primary Literature

1. **René Descartes**, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, 1641, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
2. **Immanuel Kant**, *Critique of Pure Reason*, 1781, Cambridge University Press, Cambridge.
3. **Plato**, *Theaetetus*, 360 BC, Hackett Publishing, Indianapolis.

4. Supplementary Literature

1. **Aristotle**, *Nicomachean Ethics*, 2009, Oxford University Press, Oxford (relevant sections on intellectual virtues).
2. **David Hume**, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, 1748, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
3. **John Locke**, *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*, 1689, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
4. **Bertrand Russell**, *The Problems of Philosophy*, 1912, Oxford University Press, Oxford.
5. **Edmund Gettier**, *Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?*, 1963, *Analysis* (academic journal).
6. **Wilhelm Dilthey**, *Introduction to the Human Sciences*, 1883, Princeton University Press, Princeton.