

Philosophy in the Cinema Topic Poll for Winter Quarter 2012

While I have chosen the first topic in the course (philosophy itself), I am asking you to select the eight other topics we will discuss this quarter. **You must choose two topics from each PART.**

INTRODUCTION

- What is philosophy?**

PART I: REALITY AND TRUTH

- How do we know what is really real?**
- What is the nature of scientific truth?**
- Is truth relative?**
- Does truth even exist?**

PART II: THE GOOD LIFE

- What is the meaning of life?**
- How important is money?**
- Is our society healthy?**
- Is everything interconnected?**

PART III: PERSONHOOD

- Could there be artificial persons?**
- Is gender an essential quality for a human being?**
- How much freedom do we have?**
- Are we always the same person?**

PART IV: RELIGION

- What is religion?**
- What is faith?**
- If God exists, why is there evil?**
- Is faith reasonable?**

Remember, only choose two topics from each part, for a total of eight choices.

To see the course calendar, which will be based on the results of this poll, go to www.philosophyinthecinema.com (i.e. the course website).

Thanks!

First Day Questionnaire-Philosophy in the Cinema Hybrid

Your Name:

(EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS IS OPTIONAL)

In complete, grammatically correct sentences, please answer the following questions:

What do you do, or what do you plan to do after completing college? (Feel free to guess.)

Why are you taking this class? (Please be honest, it will not affect your grade in any way.)

If you know, what distribution credit are you receiving for this class? (Humanities or an elective?)

Are you aware of any class periods that you will not be able to attend?

Do you have any concerns/questions about the technical requirements for this course?

Have you ever listened to a podcast before? If so, do you do so regularly?

Is there anything else you'd like me to know as we begin this course?

I strongly encourage you to form study groups, and invite you to swap email addresses with other students in order to keep in touch.