

Philosophy 3601F
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Lectures: T 1.30-2.30; StvH 1155

Th 1.30-3.30; StvH 2166

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Course Outline (Revised)

Course description: "Metaphysics" is a word that often strikes terror into the undergraduate heart. And yet it should not be so. This course will consider four traditional questions of metaphysics; the treatment, while invoking historical positions, will be contemporary.

1. What is time?
2. Do we have free will?
3. What is the self?
4. Do universals exist?

Textbook: Earl Conee & Theodore Sider, *Riddles of Existence*, Oxford University Press, 2014

Course objectives: It is often thought that metaphysics is a murky, fuzzy, "anything-

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