

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2021-2022

Philosophy 2500G: Introduction to the Theory of Knowledge

Winter Term 2022

M 1:30-3:30; W 2:30-3:30

MC 105B

Instructor: Prof. Robert DiSalle
Office

This course considers some of the most important problems in the theory of knowledge, from a selection of classical and contemporary viewpoints. In this way we will gain some insight into the origins, motivations, and evolution of these problems as well as their implications for contemporary thought. Topics will include the nature of perception, the relation between sense and reason, scepticism and certainty, knowledge of language, deductive and non-deductive inferences, sense and scientific knowledge. Although there is some familiarity with philosophical texts will be assumed.

TEXTS

Text: Huemer, ed. *Epistemology: Contemporary Readings* (Routledge, 2011) ISBN 978-0-7102-1100-9