# Philosophy 262-02: Critical Inquiry into Cultural Issues—Freedom

**Time:** 10-11:50am M W  
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**Required Texts:**


**Course Requirements:** Students must attend class and be prepared to participate in class discussions. Also, each student will be required to write one term paper and one first draft of the term paper.

Three **hourly exams** will be given. The two highest grades will be recorded. Students will drop one hourly exam grade if all three exams are taken. A missed exam *(for whatever reason)* becomes the dropped exam. Students who miss more than one hourly exam will receive zero (0) credit for the missed exam.

In addition, each student is required to **participate** in class discussions. Detailed instructions for this requirement will be provided in full as the semester progresses.

The **final examination** will count for 30% of your final grade. All students **must** take the final exam. The final examination will be comprehensive.

**Attendance Policy:** Since this class involves class discussion, students must be able to attend and be prepared to participate in these discussions. Students will be allowed three (3) absences. Every additional absence may cause a reduction of the student’s final grade one-half letter. Repeated lateness and/or repeated early departures from class will be treated as an absence.
(Tentative) Schedule

Jan. 23: Introduction
Jan. 28: Epictetus (Handout)
Jan. 30: Epictetus and Boethius (Handout)
Feb. 4: Boethius
Feb.6: Boethius and/or Taylor pp.15-26
Feb.11: Taylor

Feb. 13: Exam 1

Feb.18: Ruse pp.26-43
Feb.20: Ruse
Feb.25: Ruse and/or Laplace pp.5-6
Feb.27: Laplace and/or Campbell pp.49-62
Mar. 3: Campbell
Mar.5: Campbell

Mar. 10 and 16: Spring Recess

Mar.17: Review

Mar. 19: Exam 2

Mar.24: Hospers pp.121-132
Mar.26: Hospers
Mar. 31: Hospers and Sartre pp.72-84
Apr. 2: Sartre
Apr.7: Sartre
Apr. 9: Intro on Mill (Handout)

Apr.14: Exam 3

Apr.16: Berlin (Handout)
Apr.21: Berlin
Apr.23: Nozick (Handout)
Apr.28: Nozick
Apr. 30: US Bill of Rights and Patriot Act
May 5: Review

May 6-12: Final Examination

May 14: Grades due by noon