Phil 1: The Nature of Philosophy
Topic: Skepticism
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Grades: Midterm (1/3), Final (2/3).

Schedule of Classes:

M 9/26  Introduction to Class
W 9/28  Plato: “Allegory of the Cave”
W 10/5  Discourse on Method: Part 4 (1st page),
        Meditations on First Philosophy: Meditation 1
M 10/10 Discourse: Part 4 (1st and 2nd pages), Meditations: Meditation 2
W 10/12 Discourse: Part 4 (Rest of Part 4), Meditations: Meditation 3
M 10/17 Continuation
W 10/19 Discourse: Part 5, Meditations: Meditation 4
M 10/24 Review for Midterm
W 10/26 Midterm
M 10/31 Hume: Introduction
W 11/2  An Abstract of A Treatise of Human Nature
M 11/7  An Inquiry Concerning Human Understanding: Sections 1-3
W 11/9  Sections 4-5
M 11/14 Humean Skepticism in Perspective
W 11/16 Putnam: “Brains in a Vat”
M 11/21   Cont.


M 11/28   Cont.

W 11/30   Review for Final

**Required Reading:**

1. Plato: “Parable of the Cave”.  
https://web.stanford.edu/class/ihum40/cave.pdf

2. Descartes: *Discourse on Method & Meditations on First Philosophy.*  
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4. Putnam: “Brains in a Vat”. Course electronic reserves (through Canvas)