

Topics and Reading List for Philosophy exam for PhD candidates

1. Conceptual ideas, viewpoints, beliefs of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Heraclitus, Descartes, Avicenna (Ibn Sina) about human nature, the nature of reality.

Reading:

Socrates – <https://iep.utm.edu/socrates/>

Plato – <https://iep.utm.edu/plato/>

Aristotle – <https://iep.utm.edu/aristotle/>

Heraclitus – <https://iep.utm.edu/heraclit/>

Descartes – <https://iep.utm.edu/rene-descartes/>

Avicenna (Ibn Sina) – <https://iep.utm.edu/avicenna-ibn-sina/>

2. The basic concepts/ideas of Humanism, Existentialism, Epistemology, Rationalism, Nihilism, Metaphysics, Empiricism.

Reading:

Humanism – <https://americanhumanist.org/what-is-humanism/definition-of-humanism/>

Existentialism – <https://iep.utm.edu/existent/> (paragraph 1)

Epistemology – <https://iep.utm.edu/epistemo/>

Rationalism/Empiricism –

<https://warwick.ac.uk/fac/soc/philosophy/people/longworth/keyideasrationalismempiricism.pdf>

Nihilism - <https://iep.utm.edu/nihilism/>

Metaphysics – <https://www.britannica.com/topic/metaphysics/Problems-in-metaphysics>

3. Branches of moral philosophy:

Reading:

Virtue Ethics – <https://iep.utm.edu/virtue/> (paragraphs 1, 2, 3)

Deontology – https://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/introduction/duty_1.shtml

Consequentialism –

https://www.bbc.co.uk/ethics/introduction/consequentialism_1.shtml

Kantian Deontology - <https://philarchive.org/archive/THOIKA-3>

4. Some branches of Political Philosophy:

Reading:

Globalization – George Ritzer. Globalization: The Essentials. pp. 2-4; 35-37; 167-171 - https://accord.edu.so/course/material/globalization-321/pdf_content

Nationalism – <https://www.britannica.com/topic/nationalism>

Multiculturalism <https://iep.utm.edu/multicul/>

5. Some branches of Religious Philosophy:

Reading:

Concept of God – Michael J. Murray, Michael C. Rea. An Introduction to the Philosophy of Religion, Cambridge University Press 2008, pp. 3-35 (available in ADA's library)

Moral arguments for the existence of God –

<https://www.encyclopedia.com/humanities/encyclopedias-almanacs-transcripts-and-maps/moral-arguments-existence-god>

Religious Inclusivism, Exclusivism, Pluralism, Relativism – Introducing Philosophy of Religion, Routledge, Taylor and Francis Group, London and New York, 2009, Chad Meister, pp 23-41