

# PHILOSOPHY 232 – KNOWLEDGE AND REALITY

## PART 1 – EPISTEMOLOGY

**LECTURE 1 – Introduction: Arguments for Scepticism from Sceptical Hypotheses** *No Reading*

**LECTURE 2 – Traditional Responses to Scepticism (I) – Knowledge as Justified True Belief and Foundationalism vs. Coherentism about Justification.**

*Reading:* Fumerton ‘Foundationalist Theories of Epistemic Justification’ sections 1, 2, and 3 (don’t worry about the introduction to the article, which is not very clear, and don’t worry about trying to go past section 3) in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (online at <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/justep-foundational/>).

**LECTURE 3 – Traditional Responses to Scepticism (II) Correspondence vs Coherence Theories of Truth**

*Reading:* Young ‘The Coherence Theory of Truth’; David ‘The Correspondence Theory of Truth’ sections 1-5 only both in the *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy* (online at <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/truth-coherence/> and <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/truth-correspondence/>).

**LECTURE 4 – Rejecting the Sceptical Challenge – Knowledge as True Belief which Tracks the Truth.**

*Reading* – excerpts from Nozick *Philosophical Explanations*

**LECTURE 5 – Assessing the Tracking Proposal (Is Knowledge Closed under Known Entailment?)**

*Reading* – as for lecture 4.

**LECTURE 6 – Responses to Scepticism from Epistemic Externalism.**

*Reading* – Gettier ‘Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?’; Fumerton ‘Foundationalist Theories of Epistemic Justification’ section 4 (online – see Lecture 2)

**LECTURE 7 – Assessing Epistemic Externalism.**

*Reading* – Goldman ‘What is Justified Belief?’

**LECTURE 8 – Responses to Scepticism from Semantic Externalism.**

*Reading* – Putnam ‘Brains in a Vat’

**LECTURE 9 – Assessing Semantic Externalism.**

*Reading* – as for lecture 8.

**LECTURE 10 – Epistemology Naturalised.**

*Reading* – Quine ‘Epistemology Naturalised’

**LECTURE 11 – Contextualism about Knowledge**

*Reading* – Lewis ‘Elusive Knowledge’

**LECTURE 12 – Contextualism about Knowledge (II)**

*Reading* – as for lecture 11.