

DESIRE AND BELIEF, 4 credits. Jan-Apr, 2009

Arthur Falk. Office hours are half-hours before and after class. You can arrange other times.

Schedule of readings. For all sections, go to <http://homepages.wmich.edu/~afalk>, and click on “revised chapters.” On the next screen, click on the title of the chapter you want to read. These are .pdf files for which you need Acrobat Reader. My book, *Desire and Belief*, I’LL GIVE YOU FREE at the term’s end. Chapters are indicated below by their letter designations. Also this is a schedule of due dates for paper approvals and paper submissions. See the “guidelines for term papers,” available on the homepage.

Week of	Tuesday 2-3:40	Thursday 2-3:40
Jan. 6,8	Introduction (Read in advance of the first class)	PART I-THE DATA, A
Jan. 13, 15	B	C
Jan. 20, 22	D	E
Jan. 27, 29	F	G
Feb. 3, 5	Review; Quine videos	PART II-THEORIES..., H
Feb. 10, 12	I	J
Feb. 17, 19	K; submit essay proposal	L
Feb. 24, 26	M	N
Mar. 3	-----	-----
Mar. 10, 12	O	Part III&1st subpart, P; first essay due
Mar. 17, 19	Q	R
Mar. 24, 26	S	T
Mar. 31, Apr. 2	U, more Quine videos	Part III, 2nd subpart, V; essay proposal due
Apr. 7, 9	W	X
Apr. 14, 16	Part IV, Y	Z; second essay due
Apr. 21, 24		

Grade: 20% --class reports and participation. Every student should expect to give several 5-minute reports on subsections of the assigned chapters. 80% --two papers. Each paper summarizes, evaluates, and either criticizes or develops the theses of a pre-approved article on the course topic, which was published in a reputable philosophy journal in the period 2004 to the present. You may explore *Philosopher’s Index* to find the articles you write on. It is online, but also in book form in my office.