

Lesson	Date	Writing	Writing - Assigned Reading	Topic	Topic - Assigned Reading	Assignment due
1.1	Mon 12 Jan	1. Introduction to the course 2. Reading /writing / research and how they are related.	NA	Overview of questions in personal identity - our focus is on personhood and persistence.	NA	
1.2	Wed 14 Jan	1. Introduction to assignment 1 - summary 2. What are summaries for - where do they go in a paper? "They say" 3. Writing in the active voice. 4. How to do a close reading.	They say I say - Chapters 1 to 3.	Personhood - Personhood vs. Identity over time - Distinguish between metaphysical, legal, moral personhood	Kind, A. (2015). Chapter 1 "The Nature of Persons" in <i>Persons and Personal Identity</i> .	
2.1	Mon 19 Jan	Summary writing practice.	They say I say - Chapters 1 to 3.	Psychological theories of persistence - The memory theory - The modified memory theory - The psychological theory	Kind, A. (2015). Chapter 2 "The Psychological Approach to Personal Identity" in <i>Persons and Personal Identity</i> .	Assignment 1 - summary (Tue 20 Jan 2359hrs)
2.2	Wed 21 Jan	Introduction to Assignment 2 - Short paper 1. Discussion post. 2. Draft for writing conferences. 3. Draft for in-class peer review. 4. Draft for submission. Arguments 1. Overview of an argument. 2. Claims, reasons and evidence.	The Craft of Research - Chapter 7.	Problems for psychological theories - duplication (giving up transitivity) Responses to these problems - Non-branching personal identity - Identity doesn't matter	Kind, A. (2015). Chapter 3 "The Problem of Reduplication" in <i>Persons and Personal Identity</i> .	
3.1	Mon 26 Jan	Arguments 1. Claims, reasons and evidence. 2. Objections and Responses.	The Craft of Research - Chapters 7 and 10.	Physical theories of persistence - Motivation for physical theories - The bodily theory - Animalism (very briefly) - The brain theory	Kind, A. (2015). Chapter 4 "The Physical Approach to Personal Identity" in <i>Persons and Personal Identity</i> .	Discussion post 1: 200 words (Fri 30 Jan 2359hrs)
3.2	Wed 28 Jan	Arguments 1. Claims, reasons and evidence. 2. Objections and Responses.	The Craft of Research - Chapters 7 and 10.	Problems for physical theories - Conjoined twins - Dissociative identity disorder - Transplants	1. Egnor, M., & O'Leary, D. (2025). Chapter 4 "When Two Minds Must Share Body Parts " in <i>The immortal mind: A neurosurgeon's case for the existence of the soul</i> . 2. https://www.ricemedia.co/did-living-with-twenty-people-in-one-body/	
4.1	Mon 2 Feb	Introductions and conclusions	The Craft of Research - Chapter 16.	The soul theory	Swinburne, R. (1997) Section from Chapter 8 "Body and Soul" in <i>The Evolution of the Soul</i> .	Assignment 2.1 - draft of response paper due for writing conference. (Fri 6 Feb 2359hrs)
4.2	Wed 4 Feb	1. Recap of writing topics. 2. Revising your drafts - writing vs. editing.	The Craft of Research - Chapter 17.	Problems for the soul theory	Perry, J. (1978). "The first night" in <i>A Dialogue on Personal Identity and Immortality</i> .	
5.1	Mon 9 Feb		1-on-1 Writing Conferences (45 mins)			
5.2	Wed 11 Feb		1-on-1 Writing Conferences (45 mins)			
5.3	Thu 12 Feb		1-on-1 Writing Conferences (45 mins)			

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6.1	Mon 16 Feb	Peer review of assignment 2 draft (graded)	NA	Death - medical definitions	Rubenstein, A. (2009). What and When is Death?	
6.2	Wed 18 Feb	CHINESE NEW YEAR - NO LESSONS				
MID-SEMESTER BREAK						Assignment 2.2 - Response paper (Mon 23 Feb 2359hrs)
7.1	Mon 2 Mar	1. Introduction to Assignment 3 - the research paper (including discussion post 2) 2. Formulating a research question	The Craft of Research - Chapters 3, 4, 8, and 9	Death - philosophical approaches	Nagel, T. (1970). Death.	
7.2	Wed 4 Mar	1. Prompt Engineering with ChatGPT 2. Looking for and using sources 3. Primary and secondary sources	The Craft of Research - Chapters 5 and 6	The badness of death	Kagan, S. (2012). Chapter 10 "The Badness of Death" in <i>Death</i> .	
8.1	Mon 9 Mar	Citation styles and Plagiarism	NA	Is immortality bad?	Pereira, F., & Timmerman, T. (2020) The (un)desirability of immortality.	Discussion post 2: 200 words (Fri 13 Mar 2359hrs)
8.2	Wed 11 Mar	Research Proposal Part A - explaining your ideas	NA	Maybe immortality isn't that bad after all.	Fischer, J. M. (1994). Why immortality is not so bad.	
9.1	Mon 16 Mar	Research Proposal Part B - Annotated Bibliography	Writing the Annotated Bibliography - Chapters 6 and 7	Immortality - cryopreservation	Cordeiro, J., & Wood, D. (2023). "Plan B: cryopreservation" in <i>The Death of Death</i> .	
9.2	Wed 18 Mar	How to organise your research paper	The Craft of Research - Chapters 12 and 13	Digital Immortality - mind uploading	Chalmers, D. (2014). Uploading: A Philosophical Analysis.	
10.1	Mon 23 Mar	Writing workshop: Structuring your research paper				Assignment 3.1 - Research paper proposal (Fri 27 Mar 2359hrs)
10.2	Wed 25 Mar	Presentation tips				
11.1	Mon 30 Mar	Assignment 3.2 Work-in-Progress Presentations				
11.2	Wed 1 Apr	Assignment 3.2 Work-in-Progress Presentations				
12.1	Mon 6 Apr	Writing workshop: Putting it all together - proposal, presentation, outline/structure, comments.				Assignment 3.3 - Draft of research paper for writing conferences (Fri 10 Apr 2359hrs)
12.2	Wed 8 Apr	In-class peer review of assignment 3 draft (graded)				
13.1	Mon 13 Apr	1-on-1 Writing Conferences (45 mins)				
13.2	Wed 15 Apr	1-on-1 Writing Conferences (45 mins)				
13.3	Thu 16 Apr	1-on-1 Writing Conferences (45 mins)				
READING WEEK						Assignment 3.4 - Final research paper and cover letter (7 days after writing conference)