Organization of the Course

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14 Introduction to Philosophy: The Nature of Reality
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Course website

`http:`
`//philosophy.ucsd.edu/faculty/wuthrich/teaching.html`

There, you can find:

- syllabus (make sure you get an up-to-date copy)
- lecture notes (presentation slides)
- paper assignment
- grading comments
- news pertaining to this class
- background material

You are responsible for reading your email.

Contact me
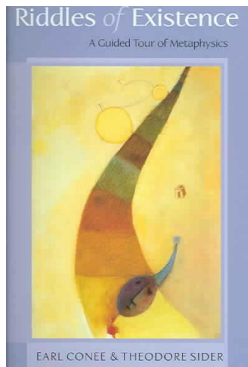
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Required texts

Earl Conee and Ted Sider, *Riddles of Existence*, Oxford University Press. This book is available at the Price Center bookstore.

All other texts are available electronically, either on the course website or through e-reserves.

Clickers: i>clickers

- available at the Price Center bookstore
- As of January 2015, you will have to pay a fee to register a clicker if it is used.
- You will need to bring the clickers to class, starting next time.
- For more information, visit
  `http://clickers.ucsd.edu/`.

Course requirements and evaluation

1. *Attendance* (sections, 5 points)
2. *Participation* (20 points)
3. *Short paper* (20 points)
4. *Midterm exam* (25 points)
5. *Final exam* (30 points)

Item 3 (short paper) must be submitted both as hard copy as well as through http://www.turnitin.com in order to earn credit.

http://www.turnitin.com

Enroll in this class at http://www.turnitin.com by creating a new profile. You will need the following information:

TA:	John Dougherty	Kyle Sereda
Class ID:	9221086	9221089
Enrollment Passwords:	014john	014kyle

If you have any problems with using http://www.turnitin.com, you can contact the Instructional Web Development Center of Academic Computing Services at 858-822-3315 or iwdc@ucsd.edu.

Technical troubles will not be an acceptable reason for late assignments.

(1) Attendance (5 points)

- You get 1 point for attending a full section, up to a maximum of 5 points.

(2) Participation (20 points)

- Clicker score based on in-class questions that you answer using the i>clicker student response system
- Your clicker score will be the percentage of points earned divided by the maximum possible.
- Important: you must have your clicker every class period to get these points—no exceptions

(3) Short paper (20 points) [http://www.turnitin.com]

- **take-home short paper** worth 20 points, due on 5 February 2015 at the end of class
- roughly five pages
- must be submitted both in hard copy and through http://www.turnitin.com
- 'open books': use all sources, but they must be acknowledged and properly referenced
- in all cases, use your own wording (handout will be made available)
- late penalty (hard copy or http://www.turnitin.com): 5 points/day

(4) Midterm exam (25 points)

- midterm exam on 17 February 2015 in class
- 'closed books', you are not allowed to use books, notes, or your neighbour

(5) Final exam (30 points)

- final exam on 19 March 2015, 7:00pm-9:59pm
- short identifications, one-paragraph-answer questions, and question asking for an essay-length answer
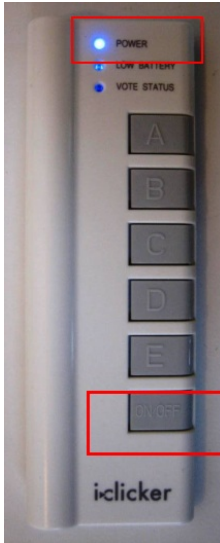- 'closed books'

Additional rules

- Texting, surfing the web, emailing, etc., during lecture or section is not allowed. It's distracting to other students and the lecturer.

- You must observe the University's Policy on Integrity of Scholarship, which can be found at http://students.ucsd.edu/academics/academic-integrity/policy.html.

- Make-up exams (for midterm and final) or extended deadlines (for the paper) will only be given under the most severe circumstances. The student who wishes to write a make-up exam or needs an extension must inform me ahead of the time of when the paper is due or the exam takes place. In order to qualify for a make-up exam or an extension, appropriate evidence of the most severe circumstances must be produced by the student.
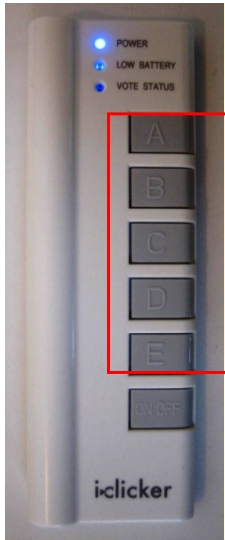
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Basic operation

- Turn on the clicker by pressing the bottom 'On/Off' button.
- ⇒ A blue 'Power' light will appear at the top of the remote.

Basic operation (cont'd)

- When I ask a question in class (and start the timer), select A, B, C, D, or E as your vote.

How do you know your vote was received?

- Check your 'Vote Status' Light:
    - Green light = your vote was sent AND received.
    - Red flashing light = you need to vote again.
- Not sure you saw the light? Just vote again.
- Want to change your vote? You can vote again as long as the timer is still going.

Registering your i>clicker

- In order to earn points for your i>clicker responses, you must register your i>clicker online (but don't worry, you will still get the points from before registration).

- For this, you will need (your name), your PID number (starting with an 'A'), and your clicker ID (located on the back of your clicker, below the scan code).

- Go to
  https://www1.iclicker.com/register-clicker/, fill in
  the required fields, and click ENTER.

- Register your clicker by 11 January 2015.

- Before using a new clicker for the first time, pull the plastic tab
  out of the battery compartment.

- Check out www.iclicker.com for FAQs.

- Email support@iclicker.com or phone 866-209-5698 for help.