Instructors: John P. Burgess & Silvia De Toffoli, with JB being the main lecturer during the first and third quarters of the term, and SD being the main lecturer during the second and fourth quarters.

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Time & Place: Two classes. MW 11:00-12:20. Room 62 McCosh. Each 80-minute course meeting will be divided into roughly 55 minutes of lecture and 25 minutes of discussion, but students with questions should feel free to interrupt the lecture and not wait for the discussion period afterwards.

Readings: Readings will be available electronically, but it is advisable to obtain from on-line or other sources hard copies (hard or soft cover, new or used) of the anthology from which many will be taken: Benacerraf & Putnam, eds. Philosophy of Mathematics SECOND EDITION, Cambridge, 1984

Instructions for downloading readings will be sent to all officially enrolled students by e-mail through the Blackboard system. Others attending should e-mail JB.

Papers: Three 800-word papers will be required during the term, due on the dates marked on the syllabus. Each is to be written on one of a list of topic questions that will be circulated at least a week before the due date of the paper. A 1600-word paper is due on dean’s date. It is to be written on a topic from a list that will be circulated by the last day of classes, or on a topic proposed by the student and submitted to the instructor for approval before the end of classes.

Students with little experience writing philosophy papers are advised to consult «http://www.jimpryor.net/teaching/guidelines/writing.html» and may request comments on a draft of the first paper before submissions if they make their request in a timely manner.

Submission: Papers should be submitted as an attachment to an e-mail addressed to BOTH instructors.

Acknowledgments: Each undergraduate paper should bear the words “This paper represents my own work in accordance with University regulations,” followed by the student’s signature. (Note the exact wording: There is no mention of “honor”, since the honor system applies only to in-class examinations.) The relevant regulations are to be found in the University publication Rights, Rules, and Responsibilities, with which students should be familiar.

Lateness: There is a grade penalty of 1 point (on a scale of 100) per weekday to a maximum of 10 (or one full letter, e.g. from A- to B-) for unexcused lateness. By University policy, when extensions are sought on medical grounds, verification from University Health Services must be presented. Extensions for foreseeable reasons (such as scheduled extra-curricular activities requiring the student to be off-campus) should be sought in advance. Note that “Dean’s Date” is so called because only deans can grant extensions past that date; individual faculty may not do so on their own authority; please don’t even ask until you have spoken with your academic dean.