

FREE WILL EXAM STUDY GUIDE

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Intro Metaphysics

- Monday, October 10, in-class
- Closed-book, closed notes

The format will be a mixture of true/false or multiple choice type questions, on the one hand, and short-answer/short essay on the other. The short answer section will mostly focus on theories and arguments discussed in class, but I may also ask you to extract, explain, and evaluate a numbered-premise argument from a short paragraph.

It will stress understanding rather than memorization. For example, you don't need to memorize the exact wording of the numbered-premise arguments on the handouts. However, you do need to know the ideas of those arguments, and the main objections we made to them. Similarly, you need to be familiar with the main concepts and theories that were discussed in the readings and in class. I might, for example, ask you something like this: "What does Chishom's Libertarianism say? What was one of the main arguments against Chisholm's Libertarianism that we discussed in class (no need to present it in numbered-premise format)?"

To prepare for the exam, the handouts will be useful. They contain the main theories and arguments we discussed, as well as the main concepts (for instance, the formulation of the free will thesis, determinism, and incompatibilism). But familiarity with the handouts won't be enough. For example, although the handouts contain many arguments, they rarely contain the justifications for or the objections to the premises that we discussed in class. So if you don't have good class notes, you probably should find someone who does.