**A2 Philosophy Reading and Research List**

**General introductions**

Falzon (Ed), *Philosophy Goes to the Movies: an introduction to philosophy* (Routledge)

Thomas Nagel, *What does it all mean?*

Simon Blackburn, *Think*

**Seminal texts – lots of free editions of these**

Jonathan Bennett’s ‘Early Modern Texts’ (earlymoderntexts.com) website has them and more.

Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (Oxford University Press)

Plato, *The Republic* (Penguin Classics)

Mill, *On Liberty* (Penguin Classics)

Descartes, *Meditations* (Penguin Classics)

Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil* (Oxford World's Classics)

Berkeley, *Three Dialogues*

**Epistemology and metaphysics**

Jennifer Nagel, *Knowledge: a very short introduction*

Stephen Mumford: *Metaphysics: a very short introduction*

**Philosophy of Religion**

Richard Dawkins, *The Selfish Gene (*Oxford University Press, 1978; 2006*)*

Dawkins, *The God Delusion* (Black Swan, 2007)

Christopher Hitchens, *God is Not Great* (Atlantic, 2007)

Lawrence M Krauss, *A Universe from Nothing* (Simon and Schuster, 2012)

John Hick, *Evil and the God of Love* (Palgrave Macmillan, 2010)

**Moral philosophy**

***Overviews and Introductions***

MacIntyre Alasdair, *A Short History of Ethics* (Polity Press)

P. Singer (ed.), *A Companion to Ethics* (Blackwell, 1991)

Stewart Noel, Ethics: *An Introduction to Moral Philosophy,*

***Primary texts - more challenging***

Aristotle, *The Nichomachean Ethics* (Cambridge University Press)

Kant, *Groundwork to the Metaphysics of morals* (Cambridge University Press)

Mill, *Utilitarianism* (Hackett Publishing)

**Political philosophy**

Friedrich Engels and Karl Marx, *The Communist Manifesto*

Plato and Mill as above.

**Philosophy of Mind**

Beakley and Ludlow (Eds), *The Philosophy of Mind: Classical Problems / Contemporary Issues* (The MIT Press)

Dennett, *Consciousness Explained* (Penguin)

Nagel, "What is it like to be a bat?", from *Mortal Questions*, (CambridgeUniversity Press) <http://organizations.utep.edu/portals/1475/nagel_bat.pdf>

Searle, "Biological Naturalism", from *The Rediscovery of the Mind* (The MIT Press) <http://ist-socrates.berkeley.edu/~jsearle/BiologicalNaturalismOct04.doc>