The following is a list of terms, examples, arguments, and objections that might be included on the first exam. This list is not necessarily exhaustive. Anything from the readings, handouts, and lectures is fair game. The exam is Friday, February 14th and Monday, February 17th. It will consist of 6-8 short-ish answer (i.e., adequate answers requiring a paragraph or two) questions on Friday, and then about 3 essay questions for Monday.

**Ten Theories of Human Nature**

Introduction: What is a theory of human nature?; human nature and the good life—connections between; components of the good life

Chapter 4 (plus Plato readings): Plato’s theory of Forms; dualism; care of the soul; a priori and a posteriori; the Allegory of the Cave; the Form of the Good; the tripartite soul; the privileged role of reason; conflicts among the parts of the soul, and the Leontius story; virtue for the soul and justice for the city; harmony and self-control

Chapter 5: four causes; proper function; the *polis*; *eudaimonia*; the virtues and habituation

**Aristotle’s Nicomachean Ethics**

Book I: means, ends, and final ends; the chief good; ethics as non-algorithmic; the good of the individual and the good of the city; four types of life; Aristotle’s critique of Plato’s theory of Forms; the Function Argument, and the human function; happiness and subjective well-being; the rational and non-rational parts of the soul, and the corresponding virtues

Book II: the moral virtues—how acquired; virtue and pleasure; virtuous actions and virtuous people; character traits; the Doctrine of the Mean, and applications to particular subjects

Book III: voluntary action and choice; two ways an action can be involuntary; choice and deliberation; deliberation about means and deliberation about ends; choice and responsibility for our character traits; courage: true courage and inferior kinds of so-called “courage”; temperance

Book VI: diagram of the parts of the soul and its virtues; intellectual virtue; theoretical and practical reasoning; the five chief intellectual virtues; the necessity of right desire

Books XIII/IX (Friendship): the variety of friendships and the necessity of having friends; good friends and good people; valuing the good of a friend for her own sake; three kinds of loveable objects/friendships: the good, the pleasant, and the useful; true friendship; criticisms of the inferior kinds of friendship; friendships among unequals; favoring friends, and when to break off
a friendship; whether the benefactor or the benefited feels more love/appreciation; the friend as another self; true self-love; our true identity as residing with our rational nature

Books VII.11-14 and X (Pleasure/Happiness): arguments against pleasure, and Aristotle’s responses; noble and bodily pleasures; two ways of dealing with desire (elimination and satisfaction); pleasure and human nature; different kinds of pleasure (for different activities), as well as unworthy pleasures; pleasure as one good among others; the contemplative life as the happiest life; the second happiest life; the divine and the animal components of human nature