College of Arts – Online Course Outline Template

Course Code:	Section:	Semester:
PHIL* 4360/6220		W13
Course Title:		
Theory of Knowledge II/Epistemology		
Instructor:		
Karyn Freedman		
Brief course Synopsis:		
In this course we will look at the relationship between justification and epistemic duty. The traditional view is that justification involves having reasons and having reasons that one has access to. On this internalist view, to be justified is to be epistemically blameless. As such, a justified belief is one that can stand up to critical scrutiny (self-imposed or otherwise). In the first half of this course we will examine this deontological conception of justification and contrast it with externalist accounts, which reject the cognitive access requirement on justification. Once we have a handle on this issue, we will spend the second half of the course exploring how it bears on the epistemology of disagreement. Textbook(s): TBA Course requirements / evaluation: TBA		