Course Description:
We will take up a variety of related issues, including normative constraints on belief, the nature of reasons, the aim of belief, the normativity of rationality, and the shape of particular epistemic norms.

Required Texts:
All readings will be posted online.

Required Work:
Work for the course will include a short paper, a presentation, comments on a classmate’s presentation, and a final paper:

25% First paper (5 pages)
25% Presentation (20 minutes + Q&A)
10% Comments (2 pages)
40% Final paper (12 pages)

Excellent class participation may also factor into the final grade.

Course Policies:
(1) VERY IMPORTANT: plagiarism will not be tolerated. All cases of alleged violation of academic integrity will be referred to the Assistant Dean for Advising and Academic Integrity. Possible penalties range from failing the course to permanent exclusion from the university. For more on plagiarism, see:
http://www.wcas.northwestern.edu/advising/dishon.html

Students with Disabilities:
Any student with a documented disability needing accommodations is requested to speak directly to the Office of Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) (847-467-5530) and to the instructor, as early as possible in the quarter (preferably within the first two weeks of class). All discussions will remain confidential.

Canvas:
Much of the business of this course will be conducted through Canvas. You are encouraged to check it frequently, as I may post announcements there. To access Canvas, you will need to use your NetID and password. There is a link to Canvas on the university’s homepage.

Schedule of Readings:
Hilary Kornblith, “The Role of Reasons in Epistemology,” forthcoming in *Episteme*


Sophie Horowitz, “Epistemic Akrasia,” forthcoming in *NOÛS*


Nov. 19  **Presentations**

Dec. 1  Reading period begins

Dec. 3  **Presentations**

Dec. 9  **Final papers due**