

History of Philosophy: Kant  
Phil 106; Winter 2016  
Tuesdays and Thursdays; 11:00-12:20

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Course description: This course is an introduction to the critical philosophy of Immanuel Kant, focusing on his metaphysics and epistemology in *The Critique of Pure Reason*, but also looking at his moral and political philosophy, and the connection between these two parts of his philosophy, through the idea of freedom. In the *Critique of Pure Reason* we will look at Kant's account of what metaphysics is, and whether and how it is possible for us to have knowledge of it, and his account of the metaphysics and epistemology of space and time. We will also look at his critique of traditional metaphysics, and why he thinks that most of the traditional topics of metaphysics, such as God, the soul and freedom, are topics with respect to which it is not possible for us to have knowledge. Taking up the topic of freedom, we will look at the central ideas in Kant's moral philosophy, concerning the autonomy of the will and the universality of moral judgments. Finally, we will also look at his account political freedom, and his account of humanity's fallen state.

Requirements:

Class test: 35 %, February 11

Class attendance and class participation: 5%

Students are expected to attend all classes and roll will be taken on a regular basis. Students are expected to come to class having read the set reading, and ready to discuss it. A minimum of attendance at 50% of the classes is required to pass the course.

Final paper: 60%, due March 7

You will need to obtain a copy of:

Kant, I, *Critique of Pure Reason*, edited by Guyer, P and Wood, A, Cambridge University Press.

You will also need

Kant, I, *Groundwork to the Metaphysics of Morals*

Kant, I, *The Metaphysics of Morals*

But you do not need to obtain these as they are available online.

The primary text for each week is required reading. The secondary text is to help you with the primary text. The secondary texts will be made available to you.

Topics and course readings:

Background reading

Rohlf, Michael, "Kant, Immanuel" Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy

<http://www.science.uva.nl/~seop/entries/kant/>

Kant, I, "An Answer to the question: what is enlightenment?"  
<http://www.english.upenn.edu/~mgamer/Etexts/kant.html>

### **Topic 1:**

#### **Introduction to Kant: the enlightenment**

The Problem of Metaphysics: Synthetic A priori knowledge

Kant, I, *Critique of Pure Reason*, B preface (Bvii-Bxliv); Introduction (B1-B30).  
Guyer, P and Wood, A, "Introduction to the Critique of Pure Reason", p 1-19 in, Kant, I, *Critique of Pure Reason*, Cambridge University Guyer and Wood, (eds) 1998

J. Van Cleve, *Problems from Kant*, Ch. 2

### **Topic 2:**

#### **Transcendent metaphysics: the search for the unconditioned Metaphysics of Experience and transcendental arguments**

Repeat reading from week 1.

Kant, I., *Critique of Pure Reason*, B preface (Bvii-Bxliv); Introduction (B1-B30) (repeat reading from topic 1); A293/B249-A338-B396.

Grier, M. (2007) 'Kant's critique of metaphysics,' Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy,  
<http://www.science.uva.nl/~seop/entries/kant-metaphysics/>

### **Topic 3:**

#### **Transcendental idealism**

Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, 'Transcendental Aesthetic' (B33-73).  
Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, 'On the Ground of the Distinction between Phenomena and Noumena' (B294-B315).

### **Topic 4:**

#### **Intuitions and concepts; Space and time**

Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, 'Transcendental Aesthetic,' B33-73.

Andrew Janiak, "Kant's views on space and time," Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy  
<http://www.science.uva.nl/~seop/entries/kant-spacetime/>

### **Topic 5:**

#### **Causation and substance**

Kant, I., *Critique of Pure Reason*, The Analogies, A148/B188-A162-B202; A176/B218-A218/B265

### **Topic 6:**

#### **The Paralogisms and the Antinomies**

Kant, I., *Critique of Pure Reason*, The Paralogisms, A341-A361  
Kant, I., *Critique of Pure Reason*, The Antinomies, A426/B454-A443/B471

Grier, M. (2007) 'Kant's critique of metaphysics,' Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, section 3 and section 4.1  
<http://www.science.uva.nl/~seop/entries/kant-metaphysics/>

**Topic 7:**  
**The Third Antinomy: the metaphysics of freedom**

Kant, I., *Critique of Pure Reason*, A444/B472-A452/B480; A462/B490-A559/B587; A592/B620-A603-B631

Grier, M. (2007) 'Kant's critique of metaphysics,' Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy, section 4.2 and 5.1  
<http://www.science.uva.nl/~seop/entries/kant-metaphysics/>

**Topic 8:**  
**Freedom and autonomy in moral reason**  
Kant, I, *Groundwork to the Metaphysics of Morals*

O'Neill, O, *Constructions of Reason*, Chapters 1 and 2.

**Topic 9:**  
**Justice as freedom**

Kant, I, *Metaphysics of Morals*, Doctrine of Right (6:205-271)

Ripstein, A, *Force and Freedom*, Chapters 2-3  
Allais, "What properly belongs to me: Kant on giving to beggars" *Journal of Moral Philosophy* (2014): 1-18.

**Topic 10:**  
**Kant's racism**

Kant, "Of the Different Races of Human Beings" (2:427-443),  
Kant, "Determination of the Concept of Human Race" (8:89-106)

Kleingeld, "Kant's Second Thoughts on Race," *Philosophical Quarterly* 57 (2007): 573-92.

Mills, "Kant and Race, Redux," *Graduate Faculty Philosophy Journal* 35 (2014): 1-33.

Note:

No extensions will be granted for any assignment or exam, except in cases of genuine emergency (e.g., earthquake, flood, fire, death in the family, illness certified by a doctor).

The UCSD Policy on Integrity of Scholarship must be observed in this course. This includes observance of the following six principles:

As a student,

1. I will not receive or provide unauthorized assistance in examinations.
2. I will not use unauthorized materials during an examination.

3. I will not use materials from sources without proper quotation, acknowledgement or citations.
4. I will not alter examinations, essays, or other assignments for regrading.
5. I will not fabricate data or references.
6. I will not use false excuses to obtain extensions of time for examinations or writing assignments.

Maintaining academic integrity: Though students are strongly encouraged to discuss the assignments with one another, each student must submit answers to the assignments independently of one another, written in her or his own words. Additionally, students agree that by taking this course, their papers will be subject to submission for textual similarity review to Turnitin.com for the detection of plagiarism. All submitted papers will be included as source documents in the Turnitin.com reference database solely for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of such papers. Use of the Turnitin.com service is subject to the terms of use agreement posted on the Turnitin.com site.

Any student caught cheating or plagiarizing (i) will be reported to the Academic Integrity Office, (ii) will receive a failing grade on the assignment at issue, and (iii) will be in jeopardy of failing the entire course, depending on the nature of the breach of academic integrity.

The use of technology (phones, tablets, computers, etc.) is prohibited during class meetings.

If any accommodations are needed due to a disability or for religious reasons, please notify me during the first class period or as soon as possible.

Note: this schedule is provisional, and may change.