

Phil 106 Kant
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This course serves as an introduction to the philosophy of Immanuel Kant, an important 18th century German philosopher. It will consider important works in both his practical and his theoretical philosophy. In his practical philosophy, we will consider his conception of the nature and principles of morality as well as the roles that practical reason and freedom play in it. In his theoretical philosophy, we will consider the nature and possibility of metaphysics, synthetic a priori cognition, space and time, mathematics, and causality as well as the meaning of Transcendental Idealism.

Reading Schedule (subject to adjustment)

Thurs 9/29	Introduction	
Tues 10/3	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section 1	First Paper Due
Thurs 10/5	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section 1	
Tues 10/10	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section, 2	Second Paper Due
Thurs 10/12	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section, 2	
Tues 10/17	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section, 2	Third Paper Due
Thurs 10/19	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section, 3	
Tues 10/24	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section, 3	
Thurs 10/26	Class cancelled	
Tues 10/31	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , Preface & Preamble	
Thurs 11/2	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , General Question	
Tues 11/7	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , First Part	Fourth Paper Due
Thurs 11/9	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , Second Part	
Tues 11/14	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , Third Part	Fifth Paper Due
Thurs 11/16	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , Solution	
Tues 11/21	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , Appendix	
Thurs 11/23	Thanksgiving	
Tues 11/28	<i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> , <i>Critique of Practical Reason</i> , or <i>Critique of the Power of Judgment</i>	
Thurs 11/30	<i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> , <i>Critique of Practical Reason</i> , or <i>Critique of the Power of Judgment</i>	
Tues 12/5	<i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> , <i>Critique of Practical Reason</i> , or <i>Critique of the Power of Judgment</i>	
Thurs 12/7	Conclusion	
Wed 12/13	Term paper due (via e-mail)	

II. Requirements

1. Five short (2-3 page) papers- Papers are due (via e-mail) no later than 9:00 PM the day before the class in which we will be discussing the material. (Late papers will not be accepted.) They are primarily intended to facilitate close familiarity with the assigned passage, with a focus on the main structure of the argument.
2. One (10-15 page) term paper - You must have your term paper topic approved by November 21 *at the latest*. If you submit a draft of your paper by December 1, I will provide comments on it so that you can make revisions before the final version is due.
3. Active Class Participation- Attendance and active participation in each class is mandatory.
4. The Honor Code is in effect for this class.