

# Philosophy 108

## Nineteenth Century Philosophy

### Spring 2014

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### *Schopenhauer's The World as Will and Presentation*

#### 1. First Book: The World as Presentation (first aspect)

*Schopenhauer's Transcendental Idealism*

The world presented in experience is the world of appearance  
 Subject and object as *ur* forms of representation  
 Space, time, and causality

	Mon	Mar 31	First Day of Class
<b>Wk 1</b>	Wed	April 2	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> ed. Preface
	Fri	April 4	§ 1, 2, 7, Vol II, I
	Mon	April 7	Ibid
<b>Wk 2</b>	Wed	April 9	§ 3
	Fri	April 11	§ 4
	Mon	April 14	§ 5
<b>Wk 3</b>	Wed	April 16	§ 6
	Fri	April 18	§ 7
	Mon	April 21	§§ 8-9
<b>Wk 4</b>	Wed	April 23	§ 9-15
	Fri	April 25	§16

**1<sup>st</sup> Two-page paper due Friday April 25**

#### 2. Second Book: The World as Will (first aspect)

*Schopenhauer's Metaphysics of will*

The will is the reality (thing in itself) behind the world of appearance  
 The world of phenomena is the objectification of will  
 The will in nature

	Mon	April 28	§§ 17-18
<b>Wk 5</b>	Wed	April 30	§ 19
	Fri	May 2	§ 20
	Mon	May 5	§ 21
<b>Wk 6</b>	Wed	May 7	§§ 22-23
	Fri	May 9	§ 24
	Mon	May 12	§ 25
<b>Wk 7</b>	Wed	May 14	§ 26
	Fri	May 16	§ 27

**Second Two-page paper due Friday May 16th**

### 3. Third Book: The World as Presentation (second aspect)

*Schopenhauer's aesthetics*

Platonic Ideas

Art as the presentation of Ideas

Aesthetic experience as temporary escape from the domination of the will

	Mon	May 19	§§ 28-29
<b>Wk 8</b>	Wed	May 21	§§ 30-33
	Fri	May 23	§§ 34-38
	Mon	May 26	Memorial Day— No Class
<b>Wk 9</b>	Wed	May 28	§§ 39-41
	Fri	May 30	§§ 43-52

### 4. Fourth Book: The World as Will (second aspect)

*Schopenhauer's ethics*

Life is suffering

Wrong as the denial of the will of others

Seeing through the *principium individuationis*

Denial of the will-to-live as the path to salvation

	Mon	June 2	§§ 53-60
<b>Wk10</b>	Wed	June 4	§§ 61-67
	Fri	June 6	§§ 68-71

5-page paper due Friday June 6

**Review Session:** Friday June 6 7:00-9:00 PM

**Final Exam:** Monday 8 June 8:00-11:00 AM

**Required Text** (Available at Groundwork Books, Old Student Center)

Schopenhauer *The World as Will and Presentation* Vol I Pearson Longman  
*The World as Will and Presentation* Vol II Pearson Longman

#### Recommended Text

Kant *Critique of Pure Reason* Cambridge University Press

On-line edition Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*: <http://www.phil.pku.edu.cn/resguide/Kant/CPR/kant.html>

#### Requirements

Attendance, class participation, two 2-page papers, one 5-page paper, final examination. **ALL work must be completed to receive a passing final grade. ALL papers must be submitted to Turnit.com to receive a passing final grade.**

## Papers

Topics will be assigned in class. Due dates subject to revision. Students are required to hand in a hard copy in class on due date *and* to submit an identical copy electronically to [http:// www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com). Class ID 7882306 Class password: classpass123 [Lowercase c no spaces].

Extensions will be granted when circumstances warrant *provided arrangements are made with the instructor at least 24 hours in advance*. There are no automatic extensions. It is better to ask for an extension sooner rather than later. Except in unusual circumstances (e.g. medical emergencies, a disaster that strikes the student or the immediate family), unexcused late papers are subject to the penalty of being dropped at least one letter grade e.g. B>C. Interpretations or ideas borrowed, directly or indirectly, from secondary sources or other people (apart from the instructor but including fellow students) must be footnoted. Any use of web-based material must be footnoted. Anything else is plagiarism and will be treated as such. Students are encouraged to discuss paper topics but must write the papers **alone**.

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Students are responsible for making and keeping an extra copy of their paper in case the original is lost.

## Final Exam

Traditional Three-Hour Closed Blue Book. Final will be comprehensive. A study guide containing all the questions on the exam will be handed out on the Wed June 4. Exam will consist of a selection of questions (3-5) from the study guide. No tricks. No surprises.

## Grade Weights

2-Page Papers	30% (15+15)
5-Page Paper	30%
Final	40 %
<b>Total</b>	<b>100%</b>

Class participation can only bring grades *up*, never down. Bonus points kick in at the half-grade margin (e.g. between a C+ and B-)

## Grade Range

Papers in Philosophy 108 are not graded on a curve. Each student can in principle receive an A. The same holds true for less desirable grades. The minimal standard of performance for a grade of P shall be the same as that for a grade of C-. The equivalent of a C- on the final is also required.

## Other Information

Students are expected to have read the material in advance, to bring the text to class, and to be prepared to discuss it in class. The Academic Honor Code must be observed in this course. Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating will receive an automatic F for the course and be referred to the ADHB for disciplinary action. If accommodations are needed for a disability or religious reasons, please notify the instructor during the first class period or as soon as possible. Students encountering personal difficulties that interfere with course work should communicate with the instructor as soon as possible.