

Phil 106 Kant  
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### **Phil 106 Kant**

This course serves as an introduction to the philosophy of Immanuel Kant, a major 18<sup>th</sup> 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 9/27	Introduction	
Tues 10/2	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section 1	<b>First Paper Due</b>
Thurs 10/4	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section 1	
Tues 10/9	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section, 2	<b>Second Paper Due</b>
Thurs 10/11	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section, 2	
Tues 10/16	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section, 2	
Thurs 10/18	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section, 2	
Tues 10/23	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section, 3	
Thurs 10/25	<i>Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals</i> , Section, 3	
Tues 10/30	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , Preface & Preamble	
Thurs 11/1	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , General Question	
Tues 11/6	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , First Part	<b>Third Paper Due</b>
Thurs 11/8	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , Second Part	
Tues 11/13	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , Third Part	<b>Fourth Paper Due</b>
Thurs 11/15	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , Solution	
Tues 11/20	<i>Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics</i> , Appendix	
Thurs 11/22	Thanksgiving	
Tues 11/27	<i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> , <i>Critique of Practical Reason</i> , or <i>Critique of the Power of Judgment</i>	
Thurs 11/29	<i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> , <i>Critique of Practical Reason</i> , or <i>Critique of the Power of Judgment</i>	
Tues 12/4	<i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> , <i>Critique of Practical Reason</i> , or <i>Critique of the Power of Judgment</i>	
Thurs 12/6	Conclusion	
Wed 12/12	<b>Term paper due</b> (via e-mail)	

#### **II. Requirements** (also subject to adjustment)

1. Four short (4 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. (Each paper is worth 15% of the final grade.)
2. One (10 page) term paper - You must have your term paper topic approved by November 20 *at the latest*. (The term paper is worth 30% of the final grade.)
3. Active Class Participation- Attendance and active participation in each week in class is mandatory. (Participation is worth 10% of final grade.)
4. The Honor Code is in effect for this class.
5. If accommodations are needed for a disability or for religious reasons, please notify me immediately.