PHIL 33 -- Philosophy between Reason and Despair
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Lecture

Time:  Tues, Thurs 12:30pm--1:50pm
Location:  Peterson Hall (PETER) 103 [map]

Required textbooks

{available at UCSD Bookstore (in the Price Center)}

Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysic of Morals*  
Paton, trans; Harper Perennial

Soren Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*  
Hanney, trans; Penguin Classics

Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals*  
Smith, trans; Oxford World's Classics

William James, *Pragmatism and other writings*  
Gunn, ed; Penguin Classics

Course description

This course will serve as an introduction to nineteenth-century philosophy, with a  
focus on the emerging skepticism about the authority of reason to answer questions  
about the ultimate meaning and value of human life.

Readings will include texts from Immanuel Kant, Soren Kierkegaard, Friedrich  
Nietzsche, and William James.

Course requirements

{tentative}
* weekly reading questionnaires
* mid-term exam
* final exam
* attendance
* participation

**Schedule of readings**

{full syllabus to posted on TED}
weeks 1-3: Kant
weeks 3-5: Kierkegaard
weeks 6-8: Nietzsche
weeks 9-10: James

**Reference links**

Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy entries (requires sign-in)

Immanuel [Kant](#)
Soren [Kierkegaard](#)
Friedrich [Nietzsche](#)
William [James](#)

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy entries

The Age of [Enlightenment](#)
Immanuel [Kant](#)
Soren [Kierkegaard](#)
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William [James](#)

**Course URL**

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