Reading Schedule (subject to adjustment):

Tues. 3/31  Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Preface and Section 1 (4:387-405)
Korsgaard, *Creating the Kingdom of Ends*, Ch. 9 (Two Distinctions in Goodness)
Herman, *The Practice of Moral Judgment*, Ch. 1 (On the Value of Acting from the Motive of Duty)
Wood, *Kant’s Ethical Thought*, Ch. 1 (Common rational moral cognition)

Further Recommendations:
Ameriks, *Interpreting Kant’s Critiques*, Ch. 7 (Kant on the Good Will)
Korsgaard, *Creating the Kingdom of Ends*, Ch. 2 (Kant's Analysis of Obligation: The Argument of Foundations I)
Rawls, *Lectures on the History of Moral Philosophy*, Kant Lecture I

Tues. 4/7  Kant, *Groundwork*, Section 2 (4:406-428)
Hill, *Dignity and Practical Reason*, Ch. 1 (The Hypothetical Imperative)
O’Neill, *Constructions of Reason*, Ch. 5 (Consistency in Action)
Korsgaard, *Creating the Kingdom of Ends*, Ch. 3 (Kant’s Formula of Universal Law)

Further Recommendations:
Herman, *The Practice of Moral Judgment*, Ch. 3 (Mutual Aid and Respect for Persons)
Rawls, *Lectures on the History of Moral Philosophy*, Kant Lecture II
Wood, *Kant’s Ethical Thought*, Ch. 3

Tues. 4/14  Kant, *Groundwork*, Section 2 (4:428-445)
Korsgaard, *Creating the Kingdom of Ends*, Ch. 4 (Kant’s Formula of Humanity)
Hill, *Dignity and Practical Reason*, Ch. 2 (Humanity as an End in itself)

Further Recommendations:
Rawls, *Lectures on the History of Moral Philosophy*, Kant Lectures III-IV
Reath, *Agency and Autonomy in Kant’s Moral Theory*, Ch. 4 (“Legislating the Moral Law”)
Wood, *Kant’s Ethical Thought*, Ch. 4 (The Formula of Humanity as an End in Itself)

Tues. 4/21  Kant, “Of the Different Races of Human Beings” (2:427-443),
Kant, “Determination of the Concept of Human Race” (8:89-106)


Further Recommendations:


**Tues. 4/28**

**Kant, *Groundwork*, Section 3 (4:446-463)**

*Critique of Practical Reason*, Book 1: Chapter 1 (5:3-57)

A meriks *Interpreting Kant’s Critiques*, Ch. 6 (Kant’s Deduction of Freedom and Morality)

K orsgaard, *Creating the Kingdom of Ends*, Ch. 6 (Morality as Freedom)

A llison, *Kant’s Theory of Freedom*, Ch. 11 (The Reciprocity Thesis)

A llison, *Kant’s Theory of Freedom*, Ch. 12 (The Deduction in Groundwork III)

Further Recommendations:

O’Neill, *Constructions of Reason*. Ch. 3 (Reason and Autonomy in Grundlegung III)

R awls, *Lectures on the History of Moral Philosophy*, Kant Lecture VIII

S chönecker, *Kant: Grundlegung III*

T immermann, “Reversal or retreat? Kant’s Deductions of Freedom and Morality” in *Kant’s Critique of Practical Reason: A Critical Guide*, Ch. 4

**Tues. 5/5**

**Kant, *Critique of Practical Reason*, Book 1: Chapter 2-3 (5:57-106)**


**Tues. 5/12**


W ood, *Kant’s Moral Religion*, Ch. 4

Further Recommendations:
Wood, *Kant's Moral Religion*, Ch. 5

**Tues. 5/19**

Kant, *Religion Within the Boundaries of Mere Reason*, Part 1 (6:3-53)

Further Recommendations:
Hare, *The Moral Gap*, Ch. 9-10

**Tues. 5/26**


Further Recommendations:
Thomas Nagel, “The Problem of Global Justice”
http://philosophy.fas.nyu.edu/docs/IO/11722/globaljustice.pdf
Katrin Flikschuh, *Kant and Modern Political Philosophy*, Chapter 5

**Tues. 6/2**

*Metaphysics of Morals*, Doctrine of Virtue (6:375-437)

**Required Texts:**

**Seminar Requirements:**
1. Class participation: Attendance and active participation in every class is required.
II. Weekly Short writing assignments. Every week, you should write one long paragraph about what you found most interesting and one long paragraph about what you found most puzzling (totaling about 400 words). You must write about the primary texts and can write about secondary sources. These writing assignments are due on Sunday evening and must be distributed to the class.

III. One book review (1200 words): Choose one book from the list below, and write a 1200-word book review. (We will have a signup sheet so that we have broad coverage of the books.) Devote two thirds of the review to stating what the book’s main thesis and argument is and one third to a respectful but critical interpretive take on it. It is due by Friday of Week 8. Your review must be sent to the entire class (so that everyone can benefit from your expertise).

Allison, Kant’s Theory of Freedom
Engstrom, The Form of Practical Knowledge
Herman, The Practice of Moral Judgment
Hill, Dignity and Practical Reason
Korsgaard, Creating the Kingdom of Ends
O’Neil, Constructions of Reason
Rawls, Lectures on the History of Moral Philosophy
Reath, Agency and Autonomy in Kant’s Moral Theory
Timmermann, Sittengesetz und Freiheit
Wood, Kant’s Ethical Thought

IV. One term paper (15 –18 pages): Approval of term paper topics is required before the end of Week 8. The term paper is due on Thursday of finals week.

(Select) Bibliography:

Commentaries:

(Mostly) Books:
Sensen, Oliver, *Kant on Human Dignity*, Berlin: de Gruyter, 2011.