

PHIL 309: Classical Modern Philosophy

Tuesday/Thursday 10:00–11:15 a.m.

Cuneo 109

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Office hours: Tuesday/Thursday 1-2 p.m. or by appointment

Texts (buy a physical copy of these books):

Please purchase the following books. *No e-copies are allowed: you will be required to have the readings in class, and devices (laptops, phones, etc.) are not allowed out in class.* All should be available for purchase at the bookstore, on amazon.com and many other online book retailers. **Please purchase *these exact versions***, since translations and page numbers vary.

Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy* (Hackett) ISBN: 9780872201927

Spinoza *A Spinoza Reader: The Ethics and Other Texts* (Princeton) ISBN: 9780691000671

Leibniz, *Discourse on Metaphysics and Other Essays* (Hackett) ISBN: 9780872201323

Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (Hackett) ISBN: 9780872202290

Other texts will be provided to you as a pdf:

Kant, selections

Jacobi, selections

Papers/Grading:

We will have two papers. The first will be short (4 pages) and worth 25% of your grade. The second will be longer (8 pages) and worth 50% of your grade.

Participation

10% of your grade will be based on attendance and participation. You must attend class regularly, notify me in advance if you are going to miss, and participate in class discussion.

Presentation

15% of your grade will be based on one in-class presentation on the reading. You will provide a one-page (just one side) handout which summarizes a portion of the reading and poses a question for the class based on the reading. Sign-ups are sent around first day of class.

Grading

25% paper 1 10% participation

50% paper 2 15% presentation

All grading will be done with letter grades/a four-point scale (A=4.0, A-=3.67, etc.).

Academic Integrity

Familiarize yourself with the Loyola academic integrity policy:

https://www.luc.edu/academics/catalog/undergrad/reg_academicintegrity.shtml

Anyone who plagiarizes will fail the class.

Please feel free to approach me about anything regarding the course. I will do my best to help you succeed, whatever your circumstances.

Schedule: *come to class having done the reading assigned for that day.*

Below is a schedule of the core readings. My primary method of communication with you (apart from in class) will be via email. I reserve the right to change this schedule. If there is a significant change to this schedule, I will send out the revised schedule via email.

<i>Date</i>	<i>Reading due</i>
Tues. 1/18	Introduction and discussion
Thurs. 1/20	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> 1-2
Tues. 1/25	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> 3-4
Thurs. 1/27	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> 5-6
Tues. 2/1	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> , catch up
Thurs. 2/3	Spinoza, <i>Ethics</i> Part I
Tues. 2/8	Spinoza, <i>Ethics</i> Part II
Thurs. 2/10	Spinoza, <i>Ethics</i> Part III
Tues. 2/15	Spinoza, <i>Ethics</i> Part IV
Thurs. 2/17	Spinoza, <i>Ethics</i> Part V
Tues. 2/22	Leibniz "Discourse on Metaphysics" §§1-22
Thurs. 2/24	Leibniz "Discourse on Metaphysics" §§23-37
Tues. 3/1	Leibniz, "The Principles of Philosophy, or, the Monadology"
Thurs. 3/3	Leibniz, continued *PAPER 1 DUE*

SPRING BREAK

Tues. 3/15	Hume, <i>Enquiry</i> I-II
Thurs. 3/17	Hume, <i>Enquiry</i> III-IV
Tues. 3/22	Hume, <i>Enquiry</i> V-VI
Thurs. 3/24	Hume, <i>Enquiry</i> VII-VIII
Tues. 3/29	Hume, <i>Enquiry</i> IX-X
Thurs. 3/31	Hume, <i>Enquiry</i> XI-XII
Tues. 4/5	Kant, "What is Enlightenment?"
Thurs. 4/7	Kant, "Conjectural Beginning of Human History"
Tues. 4/12	Kant, selections from the <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i>
Thurs. 4/14	Kant, <i>CPR</i> , selections
Tues. 4/19	Kant, <i>CPR</i> , selections
Thurs. 4/21	Kant, <i>CPR</i> , selections, Jacobi, supplement to <i>David Hume</i>
Tues. 4/26	TBD (possibly Jacobi, selections from <i>Letters</i>)
Thurs. 4/28	TBD (possibly Jacobi, selections from <i>Letters</i>)

****FINAL PAPER DUE BY FINAL EXAM TIME ****