



Syllabus for PHIL 413.500: 18th Century Philosophy [Revised 3/23/20]

Tuesday & Thursday: 2:15 Online
Spring 2020; Dr. Stephen H. Daniel



Course Description and Objectives. In 18th Century Philosophy you learn to analyze and evaluate discussions on mind, nature, freedom, knowledge, God, morality, and political obligations. By interpreting those discussions in their historical context, students enhance their critical writing and speaking abilities and learn how to identify their own assumptions more clearly. This course has no specific prerequisites.

Text: Readings for the course are available online. Page numbers refer to the online version.

<p><u>Jan.</u> 14 Course Orientation 16 Introductions 1-5 21 "Locke's Essay," John Milton 23* Locke <i>Essay</i> Bk 1 Innate Ideas 28-34 28* Locke <i>Essay</i> Bk 2 Ideas 35-43 30* Locke <i>Essay</i> Bk 3-4 Words/Knowledge 43-48</p> <p>Feb. 4* Leibniz, <i>New Essays</i> 49-54 6* Berkeley <i>Notebooks</i> 55-63 11* Berkeley <i>Principles</i> Intro 63-69 13* Berkeley <i>Principles</i> §1-§55 70-80 18* Berkeley <i>Principles</i> §56-§107 81-94 20* Berkeley <i>Principles</i> §108-§156 95-106 25 Test 1 27* Du Châtelet, Discourse on Happiness 107-118</p> <p>Mar. 3* Rousseau's <i>Social Contract</i>, J. Riley 119-27 5* Hume's Treatise, P.J.E. Kail 167-92</p>	<p>Mar. 17 Class cancelled: Coronavirus 19 Class cancelled: Coronavirus 24* Hume Intro, <i>Treatise</i> I.iv.6&Appendix 128-41 26* Hume <i>Enquiry</i> I-III 31* Hume <i>Enquiry</i> IV-VI</p> <p>Apr. 2* Hume <i>Enquiry</i> VII-VIII 7* Hume <i>Enquiry</i> XI-XII (Q drop) 9* Kant <i>Critique Pure Reason</i> 389-402 (12) (Sunday midnight) 8-page term paper due 14* Kant <i>Pure Reason</i> 402-417 16* Kant <i>Pure Reason</i> 417-35 21* Kant <i>Pure Reason</i> 435-53 23* Kant <i>Pure Reason</i> 453-62</p>
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Starting Mar. 24: classes will be held online. Activate your account: register at [Zoom.us](#). Meeting ID: 397-339-200

- You now need to answer on average **five** short essays per class. Online answers are due no later than 8:00 a.m. the morning following class. Use class time to ask questions.
- Miss test or paper deadline? Contact me immediately.
- Your semester grade is now based on:
 - Our one (past) 4-question test (20 pts)
 - Eight-page term paper, due Apr.12 (20 pts). [Paper Guidelines on eCampus "Course Materials"](#) (click on the blue "Research Paper Guidelines 20a.pdf").
 - Answers to 62 reading questions (*) at "Start Here" on [eCampus](#): submitted **no later than 8:00 a.m. the day after class** (total 62 pts).
- 102 possible pts. Grades: 90=A, 80=B, 70=C, 60=D.
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