



Syllabus for PHIL 413.500: 18th Century Philosophy

Tuesday & Thursday: 2:20-3:35 (YMCA 115)

Spring 2019; 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 by both male and female thinkers, students enhance their critical writing and speaking abilities and learn how to identify their own assumptions more clearly. This course has no specific prerequisites.

Textbook: *Readings in Modern Philosophy*, vol. II, ed. Roger Ariew & Eric Watkins. Page numbers refer to this text, supplemented by online readings.

<u>Jan.</u>	15	Introduction vii-viii, 17-20	<u>Mar.</u>	19	Kail on Hume 167-92
	17	Milton on Locke 115-36		21*	Hume 229-31, <i>Treatise</i> Liv.6 & App 320-27; <i>Inquiry</i> I-III 328-36
	22	Locke Essay 1-2, 11-19, 27-30, 42-46		26	Hume <i>Inquiry</i> IV-VI 336-51
	24*	Locke Essay 53-79		28*	Hume <i>Inquiry</i> VII-VIII 351-69 (skip IX & X)
	29*	Locke Essay 79-98, 104-108	<u>Apr.</u>	2	[No class: instructor abroad]
	31	Leibniz, <i>New Essays</i> 115-26		4	[No class: instructor abroad]
<u>Feb.</u>	5*	Masham on Metaphysics: Lascano 9-27		9*	Hume <i>Inquiry</i> XI-XII 380-94
	7*	Broad on Astell 211-26		11	Kant Critique Pure Reason 389-402 (Q drop)
	12*	Catharine Trotter Cockburn: Sheridan 247-65		16*	Kant Critique Pure Reason 402-417
	14	Berkeley <i>Principles</i> 127-38 §25		18	Kant Critique Pure Reason 417-35
	19*	Berkeley <i>Principles</i> 138 §25–150 §55		23*	Kant Critique Pure Reason 435-52
	21*	Berkeley <i>Principles</i> 150 §56 –162 §107		25*	Kant Critique Pure Reason 452-62
	26	Berkeley <i>Principles</i> 162 §108-174 §156		[30]	[No class: redefined Friday class]
	28	Mid-semester exam	<u>May</u>	7	(Tuesday) Final exam 1:00-3:00
<u>Mar.</u>	5*	Emilie du Châtelet on Bodies:Brading 150-68			
	7	Riley on Rousseau 193-221			

* Submit answers to [reading questions](#) online on [eCampus](#).

- Your semester grade is based on:
 - answers to fourteen sets of reading questions (*) at “Assignments” on [eCampus](#): submitted **no later than midnight**, starting on Jan 24 (total 46 pts).
 - 3-question mid-semester & final exams (30 pts each)
- Read the assigned material and prepare answers to the questions on the [course website](#) before each class using the study questions as your guide.
- Use [questions](#) and [eCampus](#) to prepare to discuss in class the issues and arguments of the readings.
- Student Rule 7**: you are expected to attend all classes and to have read assigned readings. **Miss more than three unexcused classes and you lose a letter grade.**
- Miss mid-sem or final exam? Contact me immediately.
- Minimum grades: 90=A, 80=B, 70=C, 60=D.
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