

Philosophy 33

Philosophy between Reason and Despair

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W 10:00-11:00
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The Fate of Religion and Reason in 18th and 19th European Philosophy

Class Schedule (Subject to Adjustment)

1. Kant: Religion within Reason

Mon	March 28	First Day of Class	
Wednesday	March 29	6:151-157	Intro, First part Intro
Friday	April 1	6:157-163	First Section
Monday	April 4	6:163-168	Second Section
Wednesday	April 6	6:168-171	Second Part Intro, §1
Friday	April 8	6:171-176	§2
Monday	April 11	6:176-185	§3
Wednesday	April 13	6:185-190	§4
Friday	April 15	6:190-202	General Remark

First Two-page Paper due in class Friday April 15th

2. Kierkegaard: Religion Outside Reason

Monday	April 18	5-13	Thought Project (1)
Wednesday	April 19	13-22	Thought Project (2)
Friday	April 22	23-36	The God as Teacher and Savior
Monday	April 25	37-48	The Absolute Paradox
Wednesday	April 27	49-54	Offense at the Paradox
Friday	April 29	55-71	The Situation of the Contemporary Follower
Monday	May 2	72-88	Is the Past More Necessary than the Future
Wednesday	May 4	89-110	The Follower at Second Hand
Friday	May 6	111	The Moral

Second Two-page paper due in class Friday May 6th

3. Nietzsche: Reason Without Religion

Monday	May 9	§§1,2,122	<i>Gay Science</i> Book I, III
Wednesday	May 11	§§125,138-144	<i>Gay Science</i> Book III
Friday	May 13	§§343-353	<i>Gay Science</i> Book IV, V
Monday	May 16	§§357-359	<i>Gay Science</i> Book V
Wednesday	May 18	§§ 1-8	<i>Genealogy</i> Ascetic Ideals (1)
Friday	May 20	§§ 9-13	(2)
Monday	May 23	§§ 14-17	(3)
Wednesday	May 25	§§18-24	(4)
Friday	May 27	§§24-26	(5)
Monday	May 30	Memorial Day No Class	
Wednesday	June 1	§27	(6)
Friday	June 3	§28	(7)

Third two-page paper due in class Friday May 27

Review Session: Monday 9 June 7:00-9:00

Final Exam: Friday 10 June 11:30-2:30

Required Texts (Available for Purchase at Groundwork Books)

Kant	<i>Religion within the Bounds of Mere Reason</i>	Cambridge
Kierkegaard	<i>Philosophical Fragments</i>	Princeton
Nietzsche	<i>The Gay Science</i>	Cambridge
Nietzsche	<i>The Genealogy of Morality</i>	Hackett

Recommended Text (Also available at Groundwork)

Kant	<i>Critique of Pure Reason</i>	Cambridge
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Please purchase *assigned* editions if at all possible. They have been selected for their overall quality and scholarly apparatus.

On-line edition Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*: <http://www.phil.pku.edu.cn/resguide/Kant/CPR/kant.html>

Requirements

Attendance, class participation, three 2-page papers, final examination. **ALL work must be completed to receive a passing final grade.**

Papers

Topics will be assigned in class. Due dates subject to revision. Students are required to hand in a hard copy in class on due date *and* to submit an identical copy electronically to <http://www.turnitin.com>. Class ID 3664490 Class Password: Classpass123 [Uppercase C no spaces].

Extensions will be granted when circumstances warrant *provided arrangements are made with the instructor at least 24 hours in advance*. There are no automatic extensions. It is better to ask for an extension sooner rather than later. Except in unusual circumstances (e.g. medical emergencies, a disaster that strikes the student or the immediate family), unexcused late papers are subject to the penalty of being dropped at least one letter grade e.g. B>C.

Interpretations or ideas borrowed, directly or indirectly, from secondary sources or other people (apart from the instructor but including fellow students) must be footnoted. Any use of web-based material must be footnoted. Anything else is plagiarism and will be treated as such. Students are encouraged to discuss paper topics but must write the papers **alone**.

Students are responsible for making and keeping an extra copy of their paper in case the original is lost.

Final Exam

Traditional Three-Hour Closed Blue Book. Final will be comprehensive. A **study** guide containing all the questions on the exam will be handed out on the last day of class. Exam will consist of a selection of questions (3-5) from the study guide. No tricks. No surprises.

Grade Weights

2-Page Papers	60% (20+20+20)
Final	40%
Total	100%

Participation 10 possible bonus points. Class participation can only bring grades *up*, never down. Bonus points kick in at the half-grade margin (e.g. between a C+ and B-)

Grade Range

Papers in Philosophy 33 are not graded on a curve. Each student can in principle receive an A. The same holds true for less desirable grades.

The minimal standard of performance for a grade of P shall be the same as that for a grade of C-. The equivalent of a C- on the final is also required.

Other Information

Students are expected to have read the material in advance, to bring the text to class, and to be prepared discuss it in class.

The Academic Honor Code must be observed in this course. Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating will receive an automatic F for the course and be referred to the ADHB for disciplinary action.

If accommodations are needed for a disability or religious reasons, please notify the instructor during the first class period or as soon as possible. Students encountering personal difficulties that interfere with course work should communicate with the instructor as soon as possible.