

Kant

Philosophy 3251
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Required texts:

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, Werner Pluhar, trans., Hackett Publishing (CPR)

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Practical Reason*, Werner Pluhar, trans., Hackett Publishing (CPrR)

Articles on Courseworks (CW)

Course requirements: Three 2-3 page papers, one dealing with some topic in the Introduction or Transcendental Aesthetic, one dealing with a topic in the Transcendental Analytic, and one on a topic in the Transcendental Dialectic. These papers will be worth 45% of the grade; a final paper, which could extend the discussion of one of the three short papers, will be due finals week and will be worth 55% of the grade.

Due dates: Short paper 1: by February 17, short paper 2: by March 23, short paper 3: by April 22. The final paper will be due on the day of the final exam for this class (as specified in the Registrar's schedule). There is no final exam for the class.

Schedule of topics and readings:

Week 1- CPR Prefaces and Introduction, 5-68 [Avii-A16/B30].

1. January 22, *Introduction: How are Knowledge and Morality Possible? The Problem of the "a priori"*
focus: pp. 5-55, [Avii-A10/B14].

Week 2 - CPR 55-68 [A10/B14-A16/B30], 679-681 [A727/B755-A730/B758], Philip Kitcher, "Kant's A Priori Framework" on CW, CPR, The Transcendental Aesthetic, 71-104 [A19/B33-A49, B73], Lorne Falkenstein, "Was Kant a Nativist?" on CW.

2. January 27, *The Analytic/Synthetic Distinction, The "Problem" with Math, Science, and Metaphysics*

focus: pp. 55-68 [A10/B14-A16/B30]; 679-681 [A727/B755-A730/B758].

3. January 29, *Kant's "Copernican Revolution," Forms of Intuition*
focus: pp. 76-79 [A22/B37-A25/B40].

Week 3- The Transcendental Aesthetic, 71-104 [A19/B33-A49, B73]

4. February 3, *How to solve the problem of mathematics, How to resolve the Newton-Leibniz debate about space*, focus: pp. 80-84 [A25/B40-A30, B45].
5. February 5, *Transcendental Aesthetic: Conclusions*, focus: 85-104 [A30/B46-A49/B73]

Week 4 - CPR, The Transcendental Analytic, 105-140 [A50/B74-A83, B116]. R. Lanier Anderson, "Synthesis, Normativity, and the Meaning of Kant's Question: 'How are a priori synthetic judgements possible?'" in CW.

6. February 10, *Transcendental Logic*, focus: pp. 105-111 [A50/B74-A57/B82].
7. February 12, *Concepts, Categories and 'Synthesis'*, focus: pp. 117-140 [A64/B89-A83/B116].

Week 5 - CPR, The Transcendental Analytic, 141-174, 718-719 [A84/B116-A95/B129, A96-A130; A782/B810-A785/A812]

8. February 17, **First Paper Due.** *What is a Transcendental Deduction?* focus: pp. 141-150 [A84/B116-A95/B129], (see also 718-19 [A782/B810/-A785/B812]).
9. February 19, *Constructing Cognition: The Three Syntheses*, focus: pp. 153-163 [A98-A114].

Week 6- CPR, The Transcendental Deduction in A and B, 150-74 [A95-A130], 174-82 [B129-B139], Lewis White Beck, "Did the Sage of Königsburg Have No Dreams? and Patricia Kitcher, "The Critical and Empty Representation 'I think'" (partial), both on CW.

10. February 24, *The Puzzle of the Unity of the Self*, focus: pp. 158-59 [A107-108], 164-70 [A115-A124].
- No Class February 26.

Week 7-CPR-Continuation of B Deduction, 182-203 [B139-B169]

11. March 2, *Self-Consciousness and Object Cognition*, focus: pp. 177-182 [B129-39]; *The Figurative Synthesis*, focus: pp.190-195, [B150-156].
12. March 4, *Judgments*, focus: pp. 182-85, [B139-142]; *Perceiving and Conceiving*, focus: pp. 197-203, [B159-B169].

Week 8- CPR, Analytic of Principles, 204-19, 247-276 [A130/B169-A147/B187; A176/B218-A211/B256]).

13. March 9, *The Schematism*, focus: pp. 204-219 [A130/B169-A147/B187].
14. March 11, *Must there be Substances? Hume and the Problem of Causation*, focus: pp. 247-58 [A176/B217-A189/B232], pp. 247-76 [A176/B218-A211/B256].

Week 9- CPR, Analytic of Principles Cont: Causation, 247-76 [A176/B218-A211/B256], Refutation of Idealism 288-292, [B274-79]; Paul Guyer, “Kant’s Second Analogy” on CW.

15. March 23, **Second Paper Due.** *Kant’s Reply to Hume*, focus: re-read previous assignment.

16. March 25, *The Refutation of Idealism*, focus: pp. 288-298 [B274-79].

Week 10, CPR, Phenomena-Noumena and Introduction to the Transcendental Dialectic; pp. 303-22 [A235/B294-A260/B315]; pp. 346-379, 458-472, 510-517 [A293/B349-A338/B396, A426/B454-A433/B461, A497/B525-A507/B535], Karl Ameriks, “Kant’s Idealism on a Moderate Interpretation” on CW.

17. March 30, *Transcendental Idealism: Phenomena and Noumena*, focus: pp. 303-322 [A235/B294-A260/B315]

18. April 2, *What is the “critique of pure reason”?* Example of 1st Antinomy, focus: pp. 346-79, 458-467, 510-517 [A293/B349-A338/B396; A426/B454-A433/B461, A497/B525-A507/B535].

Week 11, CPR The Paralogisms and The 3rd Antinomy: Freedom, 382-441, , [A341/B399-A405, B432,]; 473-485, 535-52 [A444/B472-A452/B480; A532/B560-A558/B586].

19. April 6, *The Limits of Self-Knowledge*, focus: pp. 382-441 [A341/B399-A405, B428].

20. April 8, *The Problem of Freedom and Causation*, focus: pp. 473-479 [A444/B472-A452/B480].

Week 12- CPR, re-read 473-479 [A444/B472-A452/B480], 535-53 [A532/B560-A558/B586]; Ideal of Pure Reason, 560-616 [A567/B595-A642/B670], Allen Wood, “Kant’s Compatibilism” on CW.

21. April 13, *Transcendental Compatibilism*, focus: 473-479 [A444/B472-A452/B480], 535-53 [A532/B560-A558/B586].

22. April 15, *The impossibility of proving the existence of God*, focus: pp. 560-616. [A567/B595-A642/B670]

Week 13, CPR, 617-38, A642/B670-A668/B697, and Hannah Ginsborg, “Kant on the Systematicity and Purposiveness of Nature” on CW. CPR, Transition to Ethics 730-46 [A797/B826-A819/B847] CPPr, Maxims and Laws (5.3-32).

23. April 20, *How humans understand nature*, focus: 617-38 [A642/B670-A668/B697].

24. April 22, **Third Paper Due.** *Subjective Maxims and Moral Laws*, focus: CPR 730-46 [A797/B826-A819/B847], CPPr 5.19-32.

Week 14, CPrR 5.31-106

25. April 27, *The Fact of Reason and Good and Evil*, focus: CPrR 5.31-71.)

26. April 30, *Feelings and Metaphysics*, focus: CPrR 5.71-106.

Week 15- CPrR, Dialectic of Practical Reason 5.107-148.

27. May 4, *The Highest Good*, focus: CPrR 5.107-148.

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