

Philosophy 33: Philosophy in the Age of Enlightenment

Summer Session II, 2010 (Aug 2-Sept 3)

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Introduction:

This course is intended to provide a survey of some of the major figures of Western philosophy during the Enlightenment. The focus will be on the three “big” empiricists—Locke, Berkeley and Hume—and on Kant’s critical response to empiricism. As we read these important thinkers, our thematic emphasis will be on issues relating to the nature of the mind, personal identity, the structure and limits of human knowledge, the nature of the material world, and arguments for and against the existence of God.

No prior knowledge of the history of philosophy is presupposed by this course.

Course Requirements:

Participation/attendance: Students are expected to attend all class meetings. With only ten meetings during the summer term, each session will cover a full 10% of the content of the course. Students who will miss more than two lectures should not be enrolled in the course. Students are also expected to participate actively in class discussions, both by asking questions as well as advancing opinions on the material.

Assessments: There will be seven online “assessments” given through webct.ucsd.edu. These will be based on the reading assigned for the day on which they are due, and they will be due before class starts. Thus it is important that students do the reading ahead of time for each class meeting.

Essay: There will be one short essay (4-5 pages) about Hume’s *Dialogues*. All essays must be uploaded to turnitin.com for originality analysis.

Midterm: There will be a take-home midterm consisting of three short essay questions covering Locke and Berkeley. All midterms must be uploaded to turnitin.com for originality analysis.

Final exam: There will be an in class exam during the scheduled exam time (Sept. 3, 7:00pm). It will cover content from the entire course, but will emphasize Hume and Kant.

<i>Grade breakdown:</i>	Participation/attendance	10%
	Assessments	20%
	Midterm	20%
	Essay	20%
	Final exam	30%

Course Materials:

John Locke: *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* [Abridged version]. Hackett Publishing Company, 380 pages. (ISBN: 087220216x)

George Berkeley: *A Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*. Hackett Publishing Company, 105 pages. (ISBN: 0915145391)

David Hume: *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*. Hackett Publishing Company, 142 pages. (ISBN: 0872202291)

David Hume: *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion*. Hackett Publishing Company, 129 pages. (ISBN: 0872204022)

Immanuel Kant: *Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics*. Hackett Publishing Company, 140 pages. (ISBN: 0872205932)

Turnitin.com information:

Course ID: 3357978

Password: locke

Schedule:

Aug. 2 – Course Introduction / Locke on innate ideas

Assessment 0 (extra credit) due by noon Aug 3

Aug. 4 – Locke’s theory of ideas

ECHU: Book II, i-viii; xii; xxii-xxvi (p. 33-56; 66-68; 114-133) [*recommended: Book I, i-iv (4-32)*]

Assessment 1 due by 5:00

Aug. 9 – Locke on personal identity and our knowledge of existence

ECHU: Book II, xxvii; Book IV, ix-xi (p. 133-150; 274-292)

Berkeley’s immaterialism

PHK Introduction §§1-10; Part 1 §§1-33 (p. 7-11; 23-35)

Assessment 2 due by 5:00

Aug. 11 – Berkeley: objections to and implications of immaterialism

PHK §§34-156 (p. 35-87)

Assessment 3 due by 5:00

Aug. 16 – Hume’s theory of knowledge

ICHU: §§II-VII (p. 9-53)

Assessment 4 due by 5:00

Midterm topics distributed

Aug. 18 – Hume on skepticism

Treatise of Human Nature Book I, part IV, section II (available on webct)

Hume on natural religion I

DCNR: §§I-IV (p. 3-33)

Midterm due in class

Aug. 23 – Hume on natural religion II

DCNR: §§V-XII (p. 34-89)

Essay topics announced

Assessment 5 due by 5:00

Aug. 25 – Kant’s theory of sense

Prol.: preface, preamble, part I (p. 1-34)

Assessment 6 due by 5:00

Aug. 30 – Kant’s theory of understanding

Prol.: part II; Kant’s letter to Herz (p. 35-63; 117-122)

Essay due at beginning of class.

Sept. 1 – Kant’s theory of reason

Prol.: part III, conclusion, solution (p. 64-104)

Assessment 7 due by 5:00

Sept 3 – Final (7:00-10:00pm)