

PHIL 410: History of Moral and Political Philosophy

Monday, Wednesday, and Friday: 9-9:50, S SCI 311

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Course Overview

We will closely examine the work of some of the most important moral and political philosophers of the modern period. Our goal is to understand the deep philosophical foundations of modern theories of morality and justice.

Academic Integrity

You are expected to know and strictly follow the University of Arizona Code of Academic Integrity. Read the Code thoroughly, if you have not already done so. You can find it at:

<http://w3.arizona.edu/%7Estudpubs/policies/cacaint.htm>.

Any violation of academic integrity — any instance of cheating — is grounds for the unconditional failure of the course and possible expulsion from the University.

Code of Conduct

Students are expected to behave appropriately and to treat others with respect while in class. You are also expected to arrive on time and remain attentive until class has ended. While in class, please turn off all electronic equipment. Refrain from eating, reading the newspaper, and chatting.

Readings

The first two days' readings will be selections posted on D2L.

The rest of the readings will be from the following:

- David Hume, *Moral Philosophy*, Hackett Publishing

- Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*, Oxford University Press
- Bentham and Mill, *The Classical Utilitarians*, Hackett Publishing
- David Ross, *The Right and the Good*, Oxford University Press

Requirements

Attendance and Participation

You are expected to attend every class, and to participate on a regular basis. You should do the assigned reading before each class. Your attendance and participation will count for 10% of your grade.

Shorter Writing Assignment

Each student will write a short (under 400 words) response-paper to a question I have raised about one of the Hume readings. (More details will be presented soon.) This short response-paper will count for 10% of your grade.

Midterm Exam

There will a midterm exam given in class on October 9. This will count for 20% of your final grade.

Longer Writing Assignment

Each student will write a four to six page paper on an approved topic. This paper is due at the beginning of class, November 16. This will count for 30% of your final grade.

Final Exam

There will a final exam on Friday, December 11, from 11am to 1pm. The final exam will count for 30% of your grade.

Grading Summary

- 10% Attendance and participation in Friday discussion sections
- 10% Shorter writing assignment
- 20% Midterm exam
- 30% Longer writing assignment
- 30% Final exam

A note on missed exams and late assignments

If you have a legitimate excuse for missing an exam or handing in a late paper, please let me know about it before or *very shortly after* (i.e., within 24 hours) the date on which the exam is held or the paper is due. Make-up exams will be given only to those with a legitimate and timely excuse for missing the scheduled exam. Papers with a legitimate and prompt excuse will not be penalized. Papers that are handed in between 1 and 48 hours late without a legitimate excuse will be docked one grade (e.g., a B paper will be recorded as a C). Papers that are handed in between 48 and 72 hours late will be docked one and a half grades (e.g., a B paper will be recorded as a C-). Papers that are handed in more than 72 hours late will be docked two grades (e.g., a B paper will be recorded as a D). Papers will not be accepted and make-up exams will not be given after the assignments in question have been marked and returned to the rest of the class.

Schedule

The schedule is subject to change. I will announce any changes in class and post them on D2L. Please remain aware of what we are set to cover as the course progresses.

August 24: Introduction and course mechanics
August 26: Egoism readings on D2L
August 28: Rationalism readings on D2L

Hume

August 31: Hume 60-64: "Influencing motives"
September 2: Hume 67-77: "Not from reason"
September 4: Hume pp. 268-74: "Appendix I"
September 7: Labor Day
September 9: Hume 77-81: "From a moral sense"
September 11: Hume 197-212: "Justice"
September 14: Hume 218-32: "Utility"
September 16: Hume 151-163: "Natural virtues and vices"
September 18: Hume 173-181: "Natural abilities"
September 21: Hume 288-96: "Verbal disputes"
September 23: Hume 264-67: Part 2 of "Conclusion"
September 25: Hume continued

Kant

September 28:	Kant 89-196
September 30:	Kant 196-98
October 2:	Kant 199-202
October 5:	Kant 202-7
October 7:	Kant 208-14
October 9:	Midterm exam
October 12:	Kant 215-28
October 14:	Kant 215-28 continued
October 16:	Kant 229-31
October 19:	Kant 231-36
October 21:	Kant continued

Bentham and Mill

October 23:	Classical Utilitarians 1-12
October 26:	Classical Utilitarians 12-19
October 28:	Classical Utilitarians 19-22
October 30:	Classical Utilitarians 248-55 and 95-98
November 2:	Classical Utilitarians 98-115
November 4:	Classical Utilitarians 98-115
November 6:	No class
November 9:	Classical Utilitarians 115-22
November 11:	Classical Utilitarians 122-27
November 13:	Veteran's Day
November 16:	Classical Utilitarians 127-45
	Paper due
November 18:	Classical Utilitarians 127-45 continued
November 20:	Classical Utilitarians 256-69
November 23:	Classical Utilitarians 256-69 continued
November 25:	Classical Utilitarians
November 27:	Thanksgiving
November 30:	Ross 1-15
December 2:	Ross 16-47
December 4:	Ross 16-47
December 7:	Ross 48-64
December 9:	Review

Final Exam

December 11, 11am to 1pm