

PHIL 262: Early Modern Philosophy
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Description: This course will survey some of major 17th and 18th century British and European philosophers, i.e. Descartes, Locke, Berkeley, Hume, and Kant.

Prerequisites: two courses from Tier One, Traditions and Cultures (TRAD 101,102,103,104). No background in philosophy is required, but students should be prepared to think abstractly about the nature of knowledge, God, perception, the self, and the external world around them.

Course Texts:

Renee Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, Cambridge University Press.
George Berkeley, *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous*, Oxford University Press.
David Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, Oxford University Press.
Immanuel Kant, *Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics*, Cambridge University Press.

The readings from John Locke's *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* will be distributed in class.

Grading: Grades will be based on two papers (30% each), attendance and participation (10%), and a final exam (30%). The first paper will be on Descartes and it will be due on July 19th. The second paper will be on Locke, Berkeley, and Hume and will be due on August 2nd. The final exam will cover Kant at will be on the last day of class, August 11th. Additionally, you are expected to carefully read the text assigned for a given day before class. The readings are generally short, but somewhat difficult. I strongly suggested that you read everything twice. In order to make sure that people are reading carefully, there will be a number of easy pop quizzes designed to determine whether you actually read. Doing well on these quizzes will only marginally improve your grade. Doing poorly on them, however, will negatively affect your grade for the course.

Academic Honesty: Please consult the University of Arizona policies on academic honesty. Papers will be handed in both in paper form and electronically via email. Every paper will be checked on the Internet. Any student that plagiarizes any part of a paper will fail. Students should familiarize themselves with the Code of Academic Integrity, which can be found at <http://info-center.ccit.arizona.edu/%7Estudpubs/policies/cacaint.htm>. Students may find further discussion of academic honesty, plagiarism, etc. at <http://webster.commnet.edu/mla/plagiarism.shtml>, where links to other useful sites can be found.

July 12: Introductory Lecture, Rationalism v. Empiricism
July 13: Descartes, First and Second Meditations, p. 9-23
July 14: Descartes, Third Meditation, p. 24-36

July 15: Descartes, Fourth and Fifth Meditations, p. 37-49

July 16: Descartes, Sixth Meditation, p. 50-62

July 19: Descartes, Sixth Meditation, p. 50-62

July 20: Locke, *Essay* II.xi.9, II.xii.1, III.iii.1-11, and IV.vii.9, on abstract ideas

July 21: Locke, *Essay*, II.viii, on primary/secondary qualities

July 22: Berkeley, Introduction to *Principles of Human Knowledge*, p. 7-23

July 23: Berkeley, First Dialogue, p. 107-147

July 26: Hume, *Enquiry*, Sections II and III, p. 96-107

July 27: Hume, *Enquiry*, Section IV, p. 108-118

July 28: Hume, *Enquiry*, Section V, p. 119-130

July 29: Hume, *Enquiry*, Section VI and VII, p. 131-147

July 30: Hume, *Enquiry*, Section X, p. 169-186

Aug 2: Hume, *Enquiry*, Section XII, p. 199-211

Aug 3: Kant, *Prolegomena*, Preface and Preamble, p. 5-23

Aug 4: Kant, *Prolegomena*, General Questions and First Part, p. 24-46

Aug 5: Kant, *Prolegomena*, Second Part, p. 47-80

Aug 6: Kant, *Prolegomena*, Second Part, p. 47-80

Aug 9: Kant, *Prolegomena*, Third Part, p. 81-118

Aug 10: Kant, *Prolegomena*, Third Part and Solution, p. 81-125

Aug 11: Final Exam