

PHIL 205: INTRODUCTION TO MODERN PHILOSOPHY

Summer 2010, Third Session (7/12-8/18)

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Time: 10:45am-12:40pm, M-R

Location: Hickman 205

Course Description

This course serves as an introduction to Western philosophy in the 17th and 18th Century. We will primarily be reading works by Descartes, Spinoza, Leibniz, Locke, Berkeley, and Hume. We will also look at some relevant texts from that time period, as well as some contemporary commentary.

Textbook

Modern Philosophy: An Anthology of Primary Sources, 2nd Ed., Ariew and Watkins; other readings will be made available on Sakai.

Requirements

You will be required to attend all classes, write three short papers, and take two exams.

Honor Policy

You may discuss ideas with others, but do not paraphrase, quote without citing, or otherwise misrepresent work that is not yours as your own.

Some major works to be read

Descartes, *Discourse on the Method*

Descartes, *Meditations and Replies*

Spinoza, *Ethics*

Leibniz, *Discourse on Metaphysics*

Leibniz, *The Monadology*

Locke, *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*

Berkeley, *Principles of Human Knowledge*

Berkeley, *Three Dialogues between Hylas and Phylonus*

Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*

Schedule

		Assigned Reading	Evaluations
Week 1	M	7/12	
	T	7/13	Descartes, Meditation I and II (40-47)
	W	7/14	Descartes - Meditations III (47-54)
	R	7/15	Descartes - Meditations IV and V
Week 2	M	7/19	Descartes - Meditations VI

	T	7/20	Spinoza - Ethics through P15 (144-151)	PAPER 1 DUE
	W	7/21	Leibniz - Discourse (224-233)	
	R	7/22	Leibniz - Letters to Arnauld (248-257)	
Week 3	M	7/26	Leibniz - Arnauld, Monadology	
	T	7/27	Leibniz - Clarke	
	W	7/28	Locke - Essay I c1, II c1-7 (316-8, 323-332)	
	R	7/29		EXAM 1
Week 4	M	8/2	Locke - Essay II c8, II c21 (332-7, 348-356)	
	T	8/3	Locke - Essay II c22-3 (357-367)	
	W	8/4	Locke - Essay IV c4,11 (403-5, 411-415)	
	R	8/5	Berkeley - First Dialogue (454-464)	PAPER 2 DUE
Week 5	M	8/9	Berkeley - First Dialogue (465-474)	
	T	8/10	Berkeley - Second Dialogue (475-484)	
	W	8/11	Berkeley - Third Dialogues (484-503)	
	R	8/12	Hume - Enquiry s2-3 (538-542), Treatise (517-525)	PAPER 3 DUE
Week 6	M	8/16	Hume - Treatise (525-531)	
	T	8/17	Reid, Inquiry (641-653)	
	W	8/18		EXAM 2