

## Schedule of Lecture Topics, Readings, and Dates for Papers, Exercises and Exams

**Note: if a reading is listed for a particular date, that's the date on which you must have the reading done!**

### Week

### Topic, (Reading)

#### Week #1

Jan. 11 Introduction: (a) syllabus, (b) why study the history of modern philosophy? (c) three Fundamental Frameworks (No readings--Logic Handout)

#### PART I: RATIONALISM

Jan. 13 Meditation 1: The quest for certainty, methodological skepticism, and the critique of common sense (Reading: **Meditation 1**. Until the book arrives in the Bookstore, see the *Meditations* available for download on the CU Learn site under Course Content)

#### Week #2

Jan. 18 Meditation 2: The cogito, the nature of the ego, and the wax. (Reading: **Meditation 2. First Reading Summary/Group 1 Report Due**)

Jan. 20 Meditation 3: Intuition, ideas, and types of reality; Descartes's proof for God's existence from the nature of ideas. (Reading: **Meditation 3. Handout #1a**)

#### Week #3

Jan. 25 Stepping through Med. III proof for God's existence (No new readings; Handout #1b).

Jan. 27 Criticism of Med. III proof, Other Proofs, the Cartesian Circle; *then* Meditation 4: Why God isn't a deceiver; how error is possible. (Reading: **Meditation 4. Second Reading Summary; Group 2 Report Due**)

#### Week #4

Feb. 1 Meditation 4 cont'd/Meditation 5: The nature of the external world, Descartes's Med. 5 "ontological" proof for God's existence, and the role of Med. 5 in preparing for Med. 6's proof for the existence of an External World (EW). (Reading: **Meditation 5. Handout #2**)

Feb. 3 Meditation 6: The existence of the external world and the mind-body problem. (Reading: **Meditation 6**)

#### Week #5

Feb. 8 Meditation 6 cont'd: wrapping up Descartes. Intro to Leibniz. (**Third Reading [on Meditation 6] Summary; Group 3 Report Due**)

#### **\*\*Topics for First Paper Available on Website\*\***

Feb. 10 Leibniz's world: The Monadology. (Reading: **Simon Sparks' translation of *Monadology*, paragraphs 1 through 38**, available for download on the CU Learn site under Course Content; Handout #3)

#### Week #6

Feb. 15 More Monadology. The actual world is the best of all possible worlds! (Reading: **Simon Sparks' translation of *Monadology*, paragraphs 39 through the end. Fourth Reading Summary; Group 4 Report Due; Handout #4;**)

Feb. 17 You ain't nothing but a Pangloss: Critical analysis of Leibniz's argument. (No new reading)

#### PART II: EMPIRICISM

#### Week #7

Feb. 22 Locke against innate ideas. (Reading: Locke's *Essay*, Book I, Chapter II, §1-9, 12, 14-15, 17-19, 21-22, 24)

Feb. 24 More on Locke against innate ideas; Locke on acquired ideas and mental powers. (Reading: Locke's *Essay*, Book II, Chapter I, §1-9 inclusive; Book II, Chapter II, §1-3, Chapter III, §1-2, Chapter IV, §1-6, Chapter V, intro; Chapter VI, §1-2. **Fifth Reading Summary; Group 5 Report Due**)

### Week #8

- Mar. 1 Locke on acquired ideas and mental powers. (Reading: Locke's *Essay*, Chapter IX, §8-12; Chapter X, §1-2, Chapter XI, §1, 4, 6, 8-11, 15, 17; Chapter XII, §1-8; Chapter XXII, §1-5)
- Mar. 3 Locke on qualities and substances *and* Locke on consciousness and personal identity. (Reading: Locke's *Essay*, Book II, Chapter VIII, §7-26, Chapter XXIII, §1-12, 14-20, 22-23, 25, 28, 30-37; Book II, Chapter I, §10-14, 19-20, 23-25; Chapter XXVII, §1-29. **Sixth Reading Summary; Group 6 Report Due**)

### Week #9

- Mar. 8 Hume's "mental geography" and theory of ideas. (Reading: Hume's *Enquiry*, Author's Advertisement, Section I, Section II)
- Mar. 10 Hume's theory of judgment and the strategy for his critique of the rationalist principle of sufficient reason, and the idea of a causal relationship. (Reading: *Enquiry*, Section III, IV, Parts I&II; Section V, Part I&II, Section VI, Section VII, Part I&II. **Seventh Reading Summary; Group 7 Report Due; Handout #5**)

### **\*\*First Paper Due\*\***

### Week #10

- Mar. 15 Critical analysis of Hume's theory of causation and Hume's Attack on Induction. (No new reading; Handout #6)
- Mar. 17 Finishing Hume....Introduction to Berkeley's extreme reaction to Locke, known as Phenomenalism or Berkeleyan Idealism (Reading: Berkeley's *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous*, First Dialogue. **Eighth Reading Summary; Group 8 Report Due**)

### Week #11

- Mar. 22 Spring Break
- Mar. 24 Spring Break

### Week #12

- Mar. 29 Berkeley on Perception, Existence and Human Knowledge. (Reading: Berkeley's *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous*, Second Dialogue. **Ninth Reading Summary; Group 9 Report Due**)

### PART III: BEYOND RATIONALISM AND EMPIRICISM

- Mar. 31 Finishing Berkeley; Reid's (and other's) attack on the "idea"-idea. What Descartes, Hume, Locke and Berkeley all assumed about the nature of ideas. (Reading: Berkeley's *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous*, Third Dialogue)

### **\*\*Topics for Second Paper Available on Website\*\***

### Week #13

- Apr. 5 The Old problem of Objectivity: Kant's Copernican revolution and the reconciliation of rationalism and empiricism and the New problem of Objectivity. (Reading: Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason [CPR]*, Preface to 1<sup>st</sup> Edition, Preface to 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Introduction to 1<sup>st</sup> Edition [pp. 99-135]; Handouts #7-#8;)
- Apr. 7 The Transcendental Aesthetic and transcendental idealism. (Reading: Kant's *CPR*, Introduction to 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition, Transcendental Doctrine of the Elements, First Part [pp. 136-171]. **Tenth Reading Summary; Group 10 Report Due**)

### Week #14

- Apr. 12 Transcendental Aesthetic (continued) *and* The Logical Deduction/Metaphysical Deduction (Reading: Kant's *CPR*, Transcendental Doctrine of the Elements, First Part (2<sup>nd</sup> Edition), Second Part [pp. 172-200]).
- Apr. 14 The Transcendental Deduction. (Reading: Kant's *CPR*, Transcendental Analytic, Book I, Chapter I entire, Chapter II, First and Second Sections [pp. 201-235]. **Makeup Reading Summary 1; Makeup Group Report 1 Due**)

Week #15

- Apr. 19 Transcendental Deduction cont'd (Reading: Kant's *CPR*, Transcendental Analytic, Book I, Chapter II, Third Section (1<sup>st</sup> Edition) [pp. 236-244], followed by what Kant calls "Of the Deduction of the Pure Concepts of the Understanding, the Second Section" (from the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition) [pp. 245-266])
- Apr. 21 The Second Analogy: Kant's reply to Hume (Reading: Kant's *CPR*, Analytic of Principles, Chapter II, Section III, part 3 [pp. 295-320].

Week #16

- Apr. 26 Second Analogy cont'd *and* the Refutation of Idealism, Kant's reply to Descartes and Berkeley. Profound conclusions. (Reading: Kant's *CPR*, The postulates of empirical thought in general + Refutation of idealism [pp. 321-333]. **Makeup Reading Summary 2; Makeup Group Report 2 due**)
- Apr. 28 Kant and Course Review

**\*\*Second Paper Due at 5 p.m. April 28\*\***

**\*\*Final Exam Distributed on via Email April 30 by 10 pm; due at Final Exam Meeting, May 2 at 1:30 pm\*\***

**\*\*Optional revised paper due at Final Exam Meeting, May 2 at 1:30 p.m. in classroom\*\***