

Schedule of Lecture Topics, Readings, and Dates for Papers and Examinations

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 #6

Sep. 28 Leibniz's world: The Monadology. (READINGS: Link to file on CU Learn site)

Sep. 30 More on Leibniz's world (same readings)

Oct. 2 Leibniz' most famous argument: The actual world is the best of all possible worlds! (Handout #4) (Same readings)

PART II: EMPIRICISM

Week #7

Oct. 5 Locke against innate ideas (READINGS: Essay, Book I, online Chapter II, §1-28 (against innate principles in the mind); Locke on acquired ideas and mental powers. (READINGS: Book II, Chapter I, §1-9 inclusive (introduction of Locke's theory of the origin of all ideas); Book II, Chapter II, §1-3 (on the origin and content of simple ideas), Chapter III, §1-2 (on the origin and content of ideas coming from one sense), Chapter IV, §1-6 (on the origin and content of the idea of solidity), Chapter V, §1 (on content of ideas from more than one sense); Chapter VI, §1-2 (on origin and content of simple ideas of reflection), Chapter IX, §8-15 (on the limits of ideas originating in one or more senses [Molyneux's Problem]); Chapter X, §1-3 (on the nature and role of memory in the processing of ideas), Chapter XI, §1-17 (on the role of reason and the capacity for reflection in the processing of ideas and in the creation of complex ideas); Chapter XII, §1-8 (on the origin and content of complex ideas); Chapter XXII, §1-8 (on complex ideas of mixed modes). (Handout #5)

Oct. 7 Locke on acquired ideas and mental powers (readings for this were included in those mentioned for 10/5)

Oct. 9 Locke on qualities and substances (READINGS: Essay, Book II, Chapter VIII, §7-26 (on primary and secondary qualities and ideas of same), Chapter XXIII, §1-37 (on the concept of substance, its putative origins and Locke's critique of the concept)

Week #8

Oct. 12 Locke on consciousness and personal identity. Book II, Chapter I, §10-25 (on the origins and content of the idea of the person, or self); Chapter XXVII, §1-29 (on the problem of personal identity);

Oct. 14 Summary of Locke's philosophy of mind, metaphysics and the study of nature; continuing problems (No new readings)

Oct. 16 Family Weekend (no class)

Week #9

Oct. 19 Introduction to Hume's revisionary empiricism: "mental geography" introduction to Hume's mental geography and theory of ideas. (READINGS: Enquiry: Author's Advertisement, Section I & II)

Oct. 21 Hume's theory of ideas and association (READINGS: Section III & IV; Handout #6a)

Oct. 23 Hume's critique of metaphysical and epistemological realism about causation: "Just one thing after another" (no new readings)

Week #10

Oct. 26 Hume's positive account of causation (same readings)

Oct. 28 Critical analysis of Hume's theory of causation. (same readings)

****First Paper Due****

Oct. 30 Hume on Induction (no new readings; Handout #6b)

****Second Paper Topics Available On Web/CU Learn****

Week #11

Nov. 2 How Hume became a skeptic about the external world (no new readings)

Nov. 4 Hume: mitigated skepticism and the 'common life' (READINGS: to come)

Nov. 6 Hume wrapup (READINGS: to come)

Week #12

Nov. 9 Introduction to Berkeley's extreme reaction to Locke, known as Phenomenalism or Berkeleyan Idealism. (READINGS: begin reading *Three Dialogues: The First Dialogue*)

Nov. 11 Berkeley on material substance: are there mind-independent bodies in space? (READINGS: *Three Dialogues: The First and Second Dialogues*)

Nov 13 Berkeley on existence: *esse is percipi*; if so, how is a *persisting world possible*? (READINGS: *Three Dialogues: The Third Dialogue*)

Week #13

Nov. 16 Berkeley on abstraction; critical analysis of Berkeley's idealism (same readings)

PART III: BEYOND RATIONALISM AND EMPIRICISM

Nov. 18 The Old problem of Objectivity: Kant's Copernican revolution and the reconciliation of rationalism and empiricism and the New problem of Objectivity. (READINGS: *prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics*, "Foreword, Introduction, Preface and the Prolegomena's Preamble", plus Handouts #7-#8)

Nov. 20 The Strategy of the *Critique of Pure Reason* (same readings...bring Handouts #7 & #8!)

Week #14

Nov. 23 Fall Break (no classes)

Nov. 25 Fall Break (no classes)

Nov. 28 Thanksgiving (no classes)

Week #15

Nov. 30 The Transcendental Aesthetic and transcendental idealism. (READINGS: *Prolegomena: First and Second Parts*)

Dec. 2 Kant's proofs that math'l (geometric and arithmetic) judgments are synthetic a priori (same readings)

Dec. 4 From the Transcendental Aesthetic to The Refutation of Idealism: Kant's reply to Descartes and Berkeley. (READINGS: *Prolegomena: Part Three and Conclusion*)

****Second Papers Due****

Week #16

Dec. 7 From the Transcendental Deduction of the Categories to the Second Analogy: Kant's Reply to Hume. (READINGS: *Prolegomena: Solution of the General Question of the Prolegomena; Appendix*)

Dec. 9 Review Session for Final Exam

Dec. 11 LAST DAY OF CLASS: Continued Review Session for Final Exam.

Dec. 15 Takehome Exam distributed via Course Website.

Dec. 17 Final Exam due BY EMAIL ONLY, 5 p.m. Mountain Time.