

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

### Week            Topic, (Reading)

#### Week #1

- 1/16     Martin Luther King Day. No classes.
- 1/18     (1) Introduction, (2) syllabus, (3-16) some historical, cultural and intellectual background concerning the early modern period (1620-1796) (List of philosophers)
- 1/20     Why study the history of modern philosophy? Background to the *Meditations*: (1) mechanism vs. teleology; (2) Geometry of Matter vs. Rich Phenomenal Life World; (3) the Mathesis Universalis; (4) the 'frameworks clash' in *The Meditations*; (5) short refresher on validity and soundness (No readings--History handout)

### PART I: RATIONALISM

#### Week #2

- 1/23     Jan 20 topics cont'd (No new readings)
- 1/25     Jan 23 topics cont'd (No new readings)
- 1/27     Meditation 1: The quest for certainty, methodological skepticism, and the critique of common sense. (READINGS: pp. 1-7; OBJREP.ZIP pp. 63-67)

#### Week #3

- 1/30     Meditation 2: The cogito and the nature of the ego. (READINGS: pp. 7-12; OBJREP.ZIP 68-77; **Group 1 Reading Report Due**)
- 2/1     Meditation 3: Intuition, ideas, and types of reality; Descartes's proof for God's existence from the nature of ideas. (READINGS: **Meditation III**, pp. 12-19, plus handout #1)
- 2/3     Meditation 3 cont'd (No New Readings)