

Phil 100C: The Empiricists

Spring 2014

Tue. and Thurs., 2–3:45pm.

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Course Requirements

Participation in discussion sections (good participation will be possible grounds for raising course grade, especially if it is on a borderline).

“Metaphysics exercises” (kind of a short take-home multiple choice quiz), due most class days (all exercises together are worth 35% of the final grade; graded heavily on a curve). These will be made available on-line via the “Tests & Quizzes” tool on ecommons. Since I’m not yet sure how many of these there will be, they are not yet listed on the syllabus: stay tuned via the on-line syllabus and/or eCommons to see when they are due.

Two short papers (2–3 pages), due Tues., Apr. 22 and Thurs., May 15 (worth 15% each of the final grade).

One longer paper (6–8 pages) (worth 35% of the final grade). The paper is due Tues., Jun. 10, but you must hand in an introductory paragraph and brief outline (approximately one sentence per paragraph of the proposed complete paper) at some time on or before Tues., Jun. 3. Your TA will send this back to you as soon as possible with suggested changes, which you should take into account. This preliminary assignment will not be separately graded, but if you do not hand it in at all or if it is wholly

¹Please feel free to contact the instructor and/or your TA with questions about the substance of the course (philosophical issues, questions about the meaning of the texts, questions about paper topics, etc.). On administrative issues (grades, lateness/extensions, due dates, section times, etc.) please try your TA first.

unsatisfactory, your grade on the final paper will be reduced by one half step (e.g. A to A-).

All paper assignments are available on-line, and there are links to them from this syllabus as well as from my main course page. I will discuss the assignments in class when the due date draws near. You can find answers to some commonly asked questions about my assignments and grading here: <http://people.ucsc.edu/~abestone/courses/faq.html>.

Papers are to be handed in, as attachments, via the “Assignments” tool on ecommons. Please submit in MSWord format (.doc or .docx), or in a format easily convertible to MSWord (e.g., plain text or RTF). The system will accept late submissions, but late papers may not receive full credit. The system is *not* set up to allow resubmissions: once you press the “submit” button, it will not let you change your response. If, however, you mistakenly submit something and want to change it, please contact me and I can make an exception.

As noted above, the ME’s will be accessed and submitted on-line via ecommons. (The system will accept late submissions, but credit — possibly reduced — will only be given up until the time that the correct answers are announced, either in section or on-line.)

All assignments are due by midnight on the due date.

Texts

Locke, *An Essay concerning Human Understanding* (Penguin, 1998) (ISBN: 0140434828).
An older edition is available on Google Books. In addition, there is a LibriVox recording of Books I and II.

Berkeley, *A Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge* (Hackett, 1993) (ISBN: 0872202291).
The text is available on Google Books, among other places, and there is also a LibriVox recording.

Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding* (2d ed., Hackett, 1993) (ISBN: 0872202291).
The text, together with that of the other Enquiry, is available on Google, and there is also a LibriVox recording.

Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals* (Hackett, 1983) (ISBN: 0915145456).
The text, together with that of the other Enquiry, is available on Google, and there is also a LibriVox recording.

Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature* (Oxford, 2000) (ISBN: 0198751729).

The readings are all from Book I, contained in Volume I of the text available on Google Books and LibriVox

The above texts should be available at the Literary Guillotine, and they will also be put on reserve at McHenry. Readings not from texts on the above list, if any, will be available on ecommons.

Readings

Tues., Apr. 1: (no reading, first class).

Thurs., Apr. 3: Locke, *Essay*, Book I, ch. I, §8; ch. II, §§1–5 and 15–16; ch. III, §§1–8; ch. 4, §§1–8 and 17–18; Book II, ch. I, §§1–6 and 23–5; ch.'s II, IV, VI, and VII (all).

Tues., Apr. 8: Locke, *Essay*, Book II, ch. VIII, §§7–26; ch. IX, §§1–4 and 11–16; ch. XI, §§1–10; ch. XII (all); ch. XIII, §§1–14; ch. XIV, §§1–6 and 17. ME #1 due.

Thurs., Apr. 10: Locke, *Essay*, Book II, ch. XVI, §§1–5; ch. XVII, §§1–3, 7–8, 12, and 15; ch. XX, §§1–2 and 15–16; ch. XXI, §§1–14, 21–5, and 29; ch. XXII, §§1–4; ch. XXIII, §§1–12. ME #2 due.

Tues., Apr. 15: Locke, *Essay*, Book II, ch. XXV (all); ch. XXVI, §§1–2; ch. XXVII, §§1–3, 9–10, and 26; ch. XXVIII, §§4–10; ch. XXIX, §§1–6; ch. XXXI (all); and ch. XXXIII, §§1–8. ME # 3 due.

Thurs., Apr. 17: Locke, *Essay*, Book III, ch. I, §§1–2; ch. II (all); ch. III, §§1–8, 11–12, 15–18; ch. IV, §§1–7; ch. VI, §§1–10, 28–30, 33, 39; ch. IX, §§15–16; ch. X, §§1–10, 14, 17–18, 34. No ME due.

Tues., Apr. 22: (The lecture originally scheduled for this date has been rescheduled due to the last day of Passover, see below). **First paper due.** No ME due.

Wed., Apr. 23 (at 2pm in Soc Sci 1 110): Locke, *Essay*, Book IV, ch. I (all); ch. II, §§1–7, 14–15; ch. III, §§1–21; ch. IV, §§1–13; ch. VI, §§1–9; ch. VII, §§1–3. No ME due. A video of this class is available on YouTube for those who missed it.²

Thurs., Apr. 24: Locke, *Essay*, Book IV, ch.'s VIII–IX (all); ch. X, §§1–11; ch. XI, §§1–4, 8, 12–13; ch. XIV (all); ch. XVII, §§1–13; ch. XVIII (all). ME #4 due.

²At <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7D8H0ZCE58o>.

Tues., Apr. 29: Berkeley, *Principles*, Introduction (pp. 7–23). ME #5 due.

Thurs., May 1: Berkeley, *Principles*, §§1–84 (pp. 23–56).

Tues., May 6: Berkeley, *Principles*, §§85–end (pp. 56–87).

Thurs., May 8: Hume, *First Enquiry* (i.e., *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*), §§1–4.

Sat., May 10: ME #6 due.

Tues., May 13: Hume, *First Enquiry*, §§5–7. ME #7 due.

Thurs., May 15: Hume, *Treatise*, Book I, Part II. **Second paper due.**

Tues., May 20: Hume, *Treatise*, Book I, Part IV, §§1–2. ME #8 due.

Thurs., May 22 Hume, *Treatise*, Book I, Part IV, §§3–5

Tues., May 27: Hume, *Treatise*, Book I, Part IV, §§6–7; Appendix, from “I had entertain’d some hopes” through “that will reconcile those contradictions.” ME #9 due.

Thurs., May 29: Hume, *Second Enquiry* (i.e., *Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals*) §§I–IV.

Tues., Jun. 3: Hume, *Second Enquiry* §§V and IX. **Introductory paragraph and outline of final paper due.**

Thurs., Jun. 5: **no class** due to Shavuot.

Tues., Jun. 10: **final paper due.**