Phil 106: Kant  
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Tuesday and Thursday, 5:20-6:55 pm, Cowell Com 134

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Course Requirements
Two take home midterms exams, due Wednesday, October 24 and Monday, November 12 (a choice of essay questions) (each worth 20% of the grade); take home final (also a choice of essay questions), due Wednesday, December 12 (60% of the grade). Students who receive an A- or higher on the first two exams may choose to write a final paper (approximately 8–10 pages) in place of the final, on a topic to be discussed in advance with the instructor.

Papers are due as an attachment via the “Assignments” tool on Canvas. The assignments will be available online and there will be links to them from the online version of this syllabus as well as from my main course page.

Note that all three exams are due by midnight on the due date.

You can find answers to some commonly asked questions about my assignments and grading in my FAQ (http://people.ucsc.edu/~abestone/courses/faq.html).

Attendance at lecture is strongly encouraged, but it is not a course requirement and I will not be taking attendance.
Texts


The above text should be available at the Literary Guillotine, and also on reserve at McHenry.

If you want to use a different translation you are welcome to, but you should be aware that it may be confusing because translations can differ greatly. Of course, if you know German, you should read in the original.

This year we will be reading exclusively the text of the second (“B”) edition. Page numbers in both the first and second (“A”) editions are marked in the margin of Smith’s translation. In most cases where the two editions differ, it should be relatively easy to figure out what the text of the B edition says: Smith mostly either prints the B-edition text with A-edition difference in footnotes, or, where there are big differences, prints the two texts separately.

Readings

Thursday, September 27: (no reading, first class).

Preface, Introduction, Tr. Aesthetic, and Intro to Tr. Logic

Tuesday, October 2: no class due to Simchat Torah

Thursday, October 4: Preface, through “philosophy into philodoxy” (Bvii–xxxvii) (time and place TBD).

Monday, October 8: Introduction (B1–30).

Tuesday, October 9: beginning of Transcendental Aesthetic, through end of §7 (B33–58).

Thursday, October 11: end of Transcendental Aesthetic, and Introduction to Transcendental Logic (B59–88).
Transcendental Analytic

Tuesday, October 16: Introduction to Transcendental Analytic, and Metaphysical Deduction (B89–116).

Thursday, October 18: beginning of Transcendental Deduction, through the end of §20 (B116–143).

Tuesday, October 23: end of Transcendental Deduction (B144–69).

Wednesday, October 24: First take home midterm due.

Thursday, October 25: Schematism (and various introductory material) (B169–202).


Thursday, November 1: Phenoenma and Noumena (B295–315).

Tuesday, November 6: Amphiboly (B316–49).

Transcendental Dialectic


Monday, November 12: Second take home exam due.


Thursday, November 15: Paralogisms (B406–32).
Tuesday, November 20: Introduction to Antinomies, and Third Antinomy (B432–453, B472–79).

Thursday, November 22: **No class (Thanksgiving)**

Tuesday, November 27: Concluding Note on the Solution of the Mathematical-Transcendental Ideas, and Solution to the Third Antinomy (B556–86).

Thursday, November 29: Ideal (B595–619).

Tuesday, December 4: Impossibility of the Cosmological and Ontological Proofs (B620–42).

**Transcendental Doctrine of Method**

Thursday, December 6: Canon (B823–58).

Wednesday, December 12: **Take home final (or final paper)** due.

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1 There is no formal assignment for the final paper; if you would like to pursue this option and need guidelines or suggestions, please contact the instructor.