**Phil 106: Kant**

Spring 2011  
Tues. and Thurs., 10–11:45am.

Professor: Abe Stone  
**abestone@ucsc.edu**  
Office: Cowell Annex A-106  
Phone (office): 459-5723  
AIM: abestone3  
Office hours: Tues. and Thurs., 2:15–3:15pm.

**Course Requirements**

Take-home midterm exam (a choice of essay questions), due Thurs., May 12; take-home final exam (ditto), due Tues., June 7. Students who receive an A- or higher on the midterm 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. (Each worth 50% of the grade.)

Exams and papers are due by e-mail to the instructor, with cc to Gabe (the grader), in PDF or some format easily convertible to PDF (e.g. MSWord — either .doc or .docx is fine — LATEX, plain text, or RTF).

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. Some commentaries and secondary works will be available on reserve at McHenry (see below).

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.
I will put on reserve the following secondary texts, which you may or may not find useful: Walsh, *Kant’s Criticism of Metaphysics*; Gardner, *Routledge Philosophy Guidebook to Kant and the Critique of Pure Reason*; Strawson, *The Bounds of Sense*; Bennett, *Kant’s Analytic* and *Kant’s Dialectic*; Allison, *Kant’s Transcendental Idealism*; Guyer, ed., *Cambridge Companion to Kant* Longuenesse, *Kant And The Capacity To Judge : Sensibility And Discursivity In The Transcendental Analytic Of The Critique Of Pure Reason*. (The first two on this list have been highly recommended to me as beginning-level texts, but I haven’t read them myself as of now; your mileage may vary. The others are somewhat more involved. Strawson and Bennett are basically anti-Kant — they claim to think that he’s a great philosopher, but attack and ridicule most of what he actually says — whereas Allison is basically pro-Kant. The *Cambridge Companion* is a collection of essays by various authors. Longuenesse is a more difficult author, but one whom I personally have found useful. There is plenty of other literature on Kant, of course.)

**Readings**

Tues., Mar. 29: (no reading, first class).

**Preface, Introduction, and Transcendental Aesthetic**

Thurs., Mar. 31: Preface, from “Metaphysics is a completely isolated speculative science” to “and the loss of which it can therefore never feel,” and beginning of Introduction, through end of part V (Bxiv–xxxv, B1-18).

Tues., Apr. 5: end of Introduction and beginning of Transcendental Aesthetic, through end of §6 (B19–53).

Thurs., Apr. 7: end of Transcendental Aesthetic (B53–73).

**Transcendental Analytic**

Tues., Apr. 12: Introduction to the Transcendental Logic, and beginning of Metaphysical Deduction, through the end of §10 (B74–109).


Tues., Apr. 19: **no class** (first day of Passover).

Thurs., Apr. 20: end of Transcendental Deduction (B132–69).
Tues., Apr. 26: **no class** (last day of Passover).

Wed., Apr. 27, 1:45pm–3:15pm (in Cowell Conference Room): Schematism (and various introductory material) (B169–202) (this lecture is available on video).


Tues., May 3: Phenomena and Noumena (B295–315).


**Transcendental Dialectic**


Tues., May 24: Concluding Note on the Solution of the Mathematical-Transcendental Ideas, and Solution to the Third Antinomy (B556–86).

Thurs., May 26: Ideal (B595–619).

Tues., May 31: Impossibility of the Cosmological and Ontological Proofs (B620–42).

**Transcendental Doctrine of Method**

Thurs., June 2: Canon (B823–58).

Tues., June 7: take-home final due.