

Phil 290O: First Critique
Spring, 2015

Thursday, 12:00-3:00pm, Hum 1 400

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Course Requirements

Seminar participation. One in-class presentation (approximately 15 minutes for presentation and 15 minutes for discussion). One final paper (approximately 15–20 pages), due Tuesday, June 9.

In addition our common readings from Kant, each student will be responsible to look into one other philosophical text and to use it in some way, along with our Kant reading, in the presentation and final paper (and with luck in class discussion generally). Note that “look into” doesn’t *necessarily* mean “read from cover to cover” (in some cases the text is short and that will seem advisable; in others, it might be better to skim for relevant passages). I will assign these, based partly on student preferences, in the first class meeting, from more or less the following list: (1) Aristotle, *Categories*, *Metaphysics* 7, and *De Anima* 2 and 3; (2) Avicenna, *The Metaphysics of the Healing*, ch. 1–3; (3) St. Thomas Aquinas, *On Truth*, especially qq. 1–3 and q. 8, (4) St. Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica* I q. 30 a. 3, John Duns Scotus, *Questions on the Metaphysics of Aristotle*, especially 4.1 and 4.2, and William of Ockham, *Summa logicae* part 1 (tr. as *Ockham’s Theory of Terms*), especially §§40–48; (5) Locke, *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding*, Book IV, especially ch. 1–3 (and some other parts are relevant, e.g.

I.2.4; (6) the Leibniz–Clarke correspondence; (8) Hume, the First Enquiry; (9) Baumgarten, *Metaphysics*. (If there are more than nine students I will likely ask some to be responsible for sections of the First Critique we are not reading together, e.g. the Transcendental Aesthetic.)

Texts

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, tr. Norman Kemp Smith (Palgrave Macmillan) (ISBN: 0230013384).

The above text should be available at the Literary Guillotine and will be placed on reserve at McHenry. Additional readings (see above) will be made available one way or another.

Readings

Thursday, April 2: no required reading, first class

Wednesday, April 8: (11:00am–2:00pm) Various introductions, and Table of Judgments, B74–101. (**Note this meeting rescheduled due to the final days of Passover.**)

Thursday, April 9: **No class.**

Thursday, April 16: Table of Categories, B102–116.

Thursday, April 23: Introduction to the Analytic of Principles, Schematism, and Introduction to the System of Principles, B169–202.

Thursday, April 30: Axioms of Intuition, Anticipations of Perception, Introduction to Analogies of Experience, and First Analogy, B202–232.

Thursday, May 7: Second and Third Analogies, B232–265.

Thursday, May 14: Postulates of Empirical Thought, and General Note to the System of Principles, B265–294.

Thursday, May 21: Phenomena and Noumena, B294–315.

Thursday, May 28: Amphiboly of the Concepts of Reflection, B316–324.

Thursday, June 4: Note to the Amphiboly and Table of Nothing B324–349.

Tuesday, June 9: **Final paper due.**