

**Phil 100C: The Empiricists**  
Winter, 2017

Tuesday and Thursday, 11:40am–1:15pm, PhysSciences 114

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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.

Two short papers (2–3 pages), due Thursday, February 2 and Tuesday, February 28.

One longer paper (6–8 pages) (worth 35% of the final grade). The paper is due Wednesday, March 22, but you an introductory paragraph and brief outline (approximately one sentence per paragraph of the proposed complete paper) are due at some time on or before Tuesday, March 14. There will then be special section meetings, including perhaps extra meetings, at which

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<sup>1</sup>Please 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.

you can get feedback on these plans from your TA and fellow students. This preliminary assignment will not be separately graded, but if you do not hand it in at all or if it is wholly 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 in my FAQ (<https://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 11:55pm on the due date.

## **Texts**

Locke, *An Essay concerning Human Understanding* (Penguin, 1998) (ISBN: 0140434828).

An older edition is available on Google Books and Wikisource. In addition, there is a LibriVox recording of Books I and II.

Berkeley, *A Treatise Concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge* (Hackett, 1993) (ISBN: 0915145391).

The text is available on Google Books and Wikisource, 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 Wikisource, and there is also a LibriVox recording.

Hume, *Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion* (Hackett, 1998) (ISBN: 0872204022).

Available on Google and Wikisource, 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; both volumes together are available on Wikisource.

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

Tuesday, January 10: (no reading, first class).

Thursday, January 12: Locke, *Essay*, Book I, ch. I, §8; ch. II, §§1–5 and 15–16; ch. III, §§1–8; ch. IV, §§1–8 and 17–18; Book II, ch. I, §§1–6 and 23–5, and ch. II (all).

Tuesday, January 17: Locke, *Essay*, Book II, ch.'s IV, VI, and VII (all); ch. VIII, §§7–26; ch. IX, §§1–4 and 11–15; ch. X, §§1–2; ch. XI, §§1–10.

Thursday, January 19: Locke, *Essay*, Book II, ch. XII (all); ch. XIII, §§1–14; ch. XIV, §§1–6 and 17; ch. XVI, §§1–5; ch. XVII, §§1–3, 7–8, 12, and 15; ME #1 due.

Tuesday, January 24: Locke, *Essay*, Book II, ch. XX, §§1–2 and 15–16; ch. XXI, §§1–14, 21–5, and 29; ch. XXII, §§1–4; ch. XXIII, §§1–12; ch. XXV (all); ch. XXVI, §§1–2; ch. XXVII, §§1–3, 9–10, and 26. ME #2 due.

Thursday, January 26: Locke, *Essay*, Book II, ch. XXVIII, §§4–10; ch. XXIX, §§1–6; ch. XXXI (all); and ch. XXXIII, §§1–8 and §17. ME # 3 due.

Tuesday, January 31: 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.

Thursday, February 2: 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. **First paper due.**

Tuesday, February 7: 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.

Thursday, February 9: Berkeley, *Principles*, Introduction (pp. 7–23). No ME due (ME # 5 canceled).

Tuesday, February 14: Berkeley, *Principles*, §§1–84 (pp. 23–56). No ME due.

Thursday, February 16: Berkeley, *Principles*, §§85–end (pp. 56–87). ME #6 due.

Tuesday, February 21: Hume, *First Enquiry* (i.e., *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*), §§1–4.

Wednesday, February 22: ME #7 due.

Thursday, February 23: Hume, *First Enquiry*, §§5–7.

Friday, February 24: ME #8 due.

Tuesday, February 28: Hume, *Treatise*, Book I, Part II. **Second paper due.** No ME due.

Thursday, March 2: Hume, *Treatise*, Book I, Part IV, §§1–2. ME #9 due.

Tuesday, March 7: Hume, *Treatise*, Book I, Part IV, §§3–5.

Wednesday, March 8: ME #10 due.

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

Friday, March 10: ME #11 due.

Tuesday, March 14: Hume, *Dialogues*, parts 2–8. **Introductory paragraph and outline of final paper due.** No ME due.

Thursday, March 16: Hume, *Dialogues*, parts 9–12. No ME due.

Wednesday, March 22: **Final paper due.**