

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 19 (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 (<https://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

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, tr. Norman Kemp Smith (Palgrave Macmillan; 2nd edition, 2007) (ISBN: 0230013384).

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).

Monday, October 8: Introduction (B1–30). (2:40–4:15pm in Soc. Sci. 1 153)

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: no class due to strike.

Wednesday, October 24: **First take home midterm due.**

Thursday, October 25: no class due to strike.

Tuesday, October 30: Schematism (and various introductory material) (B169–202).

Thursday, November 1: Introduction to the Analogies, Second Analogy, Postulates of Empirical Thought, and Refutation of Idealism (B218–24, B232–47, B265–79).

Tuesday, November 6: Phenomena and Noumena (B295–315).

Thursday, November 8: Amphiboly (B316–49).

Transcendental Dialectic

Tuesday, November 13: Introduction to the Dialectic, and beginning of the Concepts of Pure Reason (B349–77).

Thursday, November 15: end of the Concepts of Pure Reason, and beginning of the Inferences of Pure Reason (B377–406).

Monday, November 19: **Second take home exam due.**

Tuesday, November 20: Paralogisms (B406–32).

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

Tuesday, November 27: Introduction to Antinomies, and Third Antinomy (B432–453, B472–79).

Thursday, November 29: Concluding Note on the Solution of the Mathematical-Transcendental Ideas, and Solution to the Third Antinomy (B556–86).

Tuesday, December 4: Ideal (B595–619).

Thursday, December 6: Impossibility of the Cosmological and Ontological Proofs (B620–42).

Wednesday, December 12: **Take home final (or final paper¹) due.**

¹There 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.