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MW 1:15-3:00

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Revolutions of Modernity

TEXTBOOKS (available at the bookstore)

The Scientific Revolution Steven Shapin University of Chicago Press, 1998 Paperback ISBN: 0-2267-5021
Modern Philosophy: An Anthology of Primary Sources Edited by Roger Ariew and Eric Watkins Hackett, 1998
ISBN: 0-87220-440-5 [NB this is the single volume edition]
Women Philosophers of the Early Modern Period Edited by Margaret Atherton Hackett, 1994 ISBN: 0-87220-
259-3

COURSE OBJECTIVES

The modern period is marked by great changes such as the scientific revolution, technological progress, the rise of nation states and democracy, the Reformation and religious pluralism, Enlightenment, use of reason rather than tradition, universal education, and a strong emphasis on the individual. Descartes set modern philosophy in motion, arguing that it was necessary to question every belief and start over again with a new foundation. Modern philosophy thus formulated a new set of philosophical issues which were debated and finally recast by Kant, whose problems are still with us today. We will explore the central issues of modern philosophy in this course. By the end of the semester, students will be able to identify the major changes that took place in philosophy during the early modern period, will be able to read and interpret primary philosophical texts, and be able write a critical evaluation of a philosophical argument.

REQUIREMENTS

Continuous class participation, presentations, and short in class writing assignments, five (5) short critical papers and a final exam. Class participation and in class work will count 25 percent, each short paper will count 10 percent, and the final exam 25 percent of the course grade. Missing or late assignments count as zero (0). Final letter grade will be determined on the basis of total points, not on average letter grades given on the assignments.

FINAL EXAM DATE

The Final Exam is scheduled for Wednesday, 5/21/03 at 8:00 a.m. (the same as all MW 1:15-3:00 classes). We will use only part of the scheduled time, so we will start at 9:00 a.m.

ATTENDANCE

You are required to attend class, to arrive on time and to stay during all of the class. You will be penalized one percent of the final grade for each class missed without a legitimate excuse (see next paragraph).

MAKE UP WORK

Serious illness, a serious family crisis, and student activities which are official, required and cannot be avoided are the only reasons that will be accepted for missing class, an examination or turning in papers late. You must either inform me in advance of an excuse for missing a deadline, or else have written documentation. Class participation assignments cannot be made up. *Excused absences can only amount to one third of class work; if you miss more, you are required to withdraw.*

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READING ASSIGNMENTS and APPROXIMATE SCHEDULE
(readings are in the required textbooks unless otherwise noted)

Date	pages (¶s)	Author	Topics	Assignments
1/27	6-7 (31-46)	Bacon	Idols; Modernity	
1/27	22-34	Descartes	<i>Med. I</i> ; doubt and certainty	
2/3	all	Shapin	The Scientific Revolution	Presentation
Due 2/5	22-34	Descartes	<i>Med. II</i> ; nature of the self, substance	
2/10	34-41, handout	Descartes	<i>Med. III</i> existence of God	
2/12	41-45, handout	Descartes	Cartesian Circle; <i>Med. V</i>	Exam on Circle
2/17	President's Day Holiday, no class			
2/19	45-55	Descartes	<i>Med. VI</i> existence of matter	
Due 2/19	11-21	Elizabeth	Mind-Body Problem	Presentation
2/24	129-131	Spinoza	<i>Ethics</i> , God, substance	
	145-149	Spinoza	"Appendix," explanation, teleology	
	149-151	Spinoza	<i>Ethics</i> , mind, body	
2/26	225-228	Leibniz	primary truths	
	235-241	Leibniz	Monadology	
3/3	276-290	Locke	ideas; primary and secondary qualities	
3/5	312-320	Locke	qualities continued; substance	
3/10	462-470	Berkeley	critique of abstract ideas	
3/12	470-477	Berkeley	critique of primary / secondary qualities	Exam on
Critique				
3/17	Spring Break, no class			
3/19	Spring Break, no class			
3/24	413-433	Berkeley	Idealism	
Due 3/24	149-159	Shepard	Idealism	Presentation
3/26	320-329	Locke	personal identity	
	566-572	Hume	personal identity	
3/31	496-506	Hume	ideas, cause and effect, problem of induction	
4/2	506-512	Hume	solution to problem of induction	Exam on
Induction				
4/7	handout	Hobbes	Political Philosophy	
	handout	Locke	Political Philosophy	
4/9	99-125	Astell	"Proposal", rationality and knowledge	Presentation Due
	handout	Kant	"What is Enlightenment", rationality and autonomy	
4/14		Kant	<i>1st Critique</i> ,	
4/16		Kant	<i>1st Critique</i> ,	

4/21		Kant	<i>1st Critique,</i>
4/23		Kant	<i>1st Critique,</i>
4/28		Kant	<i>1st Critique,</i>
4/30		Kant	<i>1st Critique,</i>
5/5		Kant	<i>1st Critique,</i>
5/7		Kant	<i>2nd Critique,</i>
5/12	handout	Kant	<i>3rd Critique</i>
5/14	Last Class		
5/21	Final Exam	9-11 am Wednesday (same as all other MW 1:15-3:00 classes)	