

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
Undergraduate Course Outline

Philosophy 4050G9\*\*\* . D Q W ¶ Critique V W

Fall 2017/18	Instructor: Corey W. Dyck
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DESCRIPTION

, P P D Q X H Critique of Pure Reason initiated a revolution in metaphysics and epistemology unlike any before or since. Through Critique Kant made original and lasting contributions to debates regarding the (in)compatibility of freedom and determinism, the SRVVLELOLW\ RI SURYLQJ \*RG ¶ V H [LVWHQFH WKH QDWXUH mathematics, the rational basis of causal inferences and the nature of space and time. In this course ZH ZLOO HQJDJH LQ D FDUHIXO FRQVLGHUDWLRQ RI .D details of its arguments and its systematic underpinnings.

TEXTS

Required

Kant, I. Critique of Pure Reason. ed. & tr. Guyer & Wood (Cambridge B, 1998)

Recommended

Allison, Henry. . D Q W ¶ V 7 U D Q V F H (Yale UP, 2004) , G H D O L V P  
(around 10 copies should be available in the campus bookstore)

\*While the Kemp Smith translation of CPR is hardly unreliable, I find the Guyer & Wood translation preferable for a variety of reasons, not the least of which is its more accessible layout. To minimize opportunities for confusion it is important that we are all working from the same primary text, so the Guyer & Wood is required for this course.

OBJECTIVES

Students completing this course successfully will:

- (1) be familiar with the principal themes and arguments of theoretical philosophy,
- (2) be able to write concise summaries of complex philosophical arguments,

REQUIREMENTS

65% Short Expository Paper(s) (due at the beginning of class weeks 210)

25% Argumentative Paper (10-12 pages due on the last day of the semester (Apr. 6 2016))

10% Participation

Regular attendance is mandatory and all participants are expected to have prepared for class discussion (i.e., to have read and digested the assigned material)

OWL

There is an OWL page for this class (under the title Phil 4050G) on which I will post course info,

links to secondary materials, and other resources. All undergraduate students are already enrolled on the site. Any graduate students who would like to be added can send me an email indicating as much.

## ADDITIONAL POLICIES

### 1. Statement on Use of Electronic Devices

Electronic devices are permitted to be used in class for purposes of taking and accessing class-related materials. Any devices required for reasons of accessibility are also permitted. Use of recording devices or transcription software must be approved in advance by the instructor.

### 2. Statement on Academic Offences

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/scholastic\\_discipline\\_undergrad.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf)

### 3. Medical and Non-Medical Absences

Students seeking accommodations for medical illnesses should consult the university Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illnesses:

[http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic\\_policies/appeals/accommodation\\_medical.pdf](http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf)

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds

TENTATIVE SCHEDULE

Week	Topic/Section	3 D J H ¶ V
1	Intro to the Course	
2	Introduction in B	pp. 13652
3	Transcendental Aesthetic in B*	pp. 17292
4	Intro to Transcendental Logic/Analytic/of Concepts Metaphysical Deduction	pp. 193-203 pp.204-18
5	The Transcendental Deduction of the Categories (First Section)*	pp.219-226
6	The Transcendental Deduction of the Categories in B, First Step (§§15-20)*	pp.245-52
7	The Transcendental Deduction of the Categories in B, Second Step (§§21-7)*	pp. 253-66
8	The Analogies of Experience Second Analogy	pp.295-98 pp. 304-16
9	First and Third Analogy The Refutation of Idealism*	pp.298-304;317-21 pp. 326-29, 121-22
10	Amphiboly* Intro to Tr. Dialectic	pp.366-83 pp. 384-408
11	Paralogism in A	pp.409-25
12	Antinomy	pp.459-89
13	Transcendental Idealism and the Resolution of the Antinomy	pp. 511-19