Fall 2017 Syllabus PHIL168a Kant M-W-F 1:00-1:50
Office hours W-F 12-12:50

Prof. Greenberg

Texts:

Books: 1. Kant: Critique of Pure Reason
       Publish: Hackett
       Trans. Pluhar
       Isbn: 0872202577
2. Kant: Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics, ed. and trans. Gary Hatfield
       Publish: Cambridge Univ. Press
       Isbn: 0521573459
3. Robert Greenberg: Kant's Theory of A Priori Knowledge
       Publish: Penn State Press; Paperback
       Isbn: 0271020830
4. Robert Greenberg: Real Existence, Ideal Necessity
       Publish: Walter de Gruyter (Berlin/Cambridge, MA)
       Isbn: 978311020690

Requirements

1. Read all material assigned before attending class discussion. Be prepared to
   answer questions in class, and generally be prepared to participate in class
   discussion of the assigned text.
2. Attend every class meeting. Absences will be noted and taken into account at the
   time of the final grade in the course.
3. Complete 3 in-class quizzes. No make-up for any unexcused absence from an
   exam. Absences excused only for official documented reasons, such as a doctor’s
   letter stating that the student could not take the exam at the scheduled time.
   Documentation must be written by someone in a professional capacity to issue
   such documentation.
4. 1 term paper; no longer than 1000 words; provide word-count; due before last
   week of class.
5. Make any request for special accommodation for a documented disability or
   religious practice before the time of the requested accommodation.
6. Observe university policy on academic integrity.

This course is taught in the context of both the history of philosophy and the problems of
philosophy. It will consist in direct instruction, class participation, and written work. For
this 4 credit course the dean’s office expects you to give it at least 9 hours of study a
week. It is hoped you will get from the course knowledge of philosophical skills,
techniques, and terms. The course will introduce you to the topics of major concern.
They will include: logical and causal connections among objects; how these connections
have appeared among certain philosophers; the metaphysical implications of the relations between the connections and among the terms of the connections; the implications of the metaphysics for theory of knowledge, theory of ethics, and theory of action. Although no prerequisites will be involved, the course will probably be difficult. Grades will be based on the instructor’s evaluation of your verbal and written display of your comprehension of the material that is presented in class and in the reading.

Assigned Reading

August

30 Wed. Introduction

I Analytic-Synthetic; A priori-A posteriori

September

1 Fri. Causal and Logical Connections; Prolegomena, Section I

6 Wed. Analytic-Synthetic/A priori-A posteriori applied to Causal and Logical Connections, Prolegomena Section I continued, Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Chapter I

8 Fri. Previous discussion continued, Prolegomena Section II

11 Mon. Metaphysics: Relations between Causal and Logical Connections, Prolegomena III

13 Wed. Metaphysics continued, Critique of Pure Reason, Preface and Introduction

II Sensible Intuition and Reason

15 Intuition and Appearance, Critique of Pure Reason, Transcendental Aesthetic

18 Mon. Intuition and Appearance continued, Transcendental Aesthetic, Space and Time

20 Wed. Reason and Thing in Itself, Kant’s Theory of A Priori Knowledge, Part I and Part II, Chapters 7 and 8

III Metaphysics: Thing in Itself and Appearance, and Causal Laws of Freedom

25 Mon. Causal and Logical Connection between Thing in Itself and Appearance, Kant’s Theory of A Priori Knowledge, Part I continued
27 Wed. Causal and Logical Connection between Thing in Itself and Appearance continued, Kant’s Theory of A Priori Knowledge, Part II

29 Fri. Causal and Logical Connection between Thing in Itself and Appearance continued, Kant’s Theory of A Priori Knowledge, Part II continued

October

2 Mon. Causal Laws of Freedom, Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Chapters 2 and 3

October

4 Wed. First Quiz

6 Fri. No class; to be rescheduled

9 Mon. No class; to be rescheduled

IV Causal Laws of Nature

11 Wed General Logic and Transcendental Logic; Critique of Pure Reason, Idea of a Transcendental Logic, Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Chapters 4 and 5

13 Fri. General Logic and Transcendental Logic continued, Critique of Pure Reason, Idea of a Transcendental Logic continued, Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Chapters 4 and 5 continued

16 Mon. General Logic and Transcendental Logic continued, Critique of Pure Reason, Analytic of Concepts, Kant’s Theory of A Priori Knowledge, Chapters 9 and 10

18 Wed. Logical Functions of Judgment and the Category of Causality, Critique of Pure Reason, Analytic of Concepts, Kant’s Theory of A Priori Knowledge, Chapters 9 and 10 continued

20 Fri. Second Quiz


27 Fri. Critique of Pure Reason, Transcendental Dialectic Book II, On the Dialectical Inferences of Pure Reason, Book II, Chapter 2, Section IX, continued

30 Mon. Kant’s Theory of A Priori Knowledge, Chapters 11 and 12
November

1 Wed. Critique of Pure Reason, Book II Analytic of Principles, Chapters 1 and 2, Sections 1 and 2

3. Fri. Critique of Pure Reason, Book II Analytic of Principles, Chapter 2, Section 3, Second Analogy of Experience

6 Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Part II, Chapter 6, Kant’s Referential Ambiguity

8 Wed. Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Part II, Chapter 7, Kaplan’s Referential Ambiguity

10 Fri. Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Part II, Chapter 8, Kaplan’s Interpretation Adapted to Kant

13. Mon. Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Part II, Chapter 8, Kaplan’s Interpretation Adapted to Kant continued

15. Wed. Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Part II, Chapter 9, Geometry and Causality

17 Fri. Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Part II, Chapter 9, Geometry and Causality, I Geometry

20 Mon, Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Part II, Chapter 9, Geometry and Causality, I Geometry

27 Mon. Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Part II, Chapter 9, Geometry and Causality, I Geometry, I Geometry continued

29 Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Part II, Chapter 9, Geometry and Causality, II Causality

December

1 Fri. Real Existence, Ideal Necessity, Part II, Chapter 9, Geometry and Causality, II Causality continued

4 Mon. Kant on Freedom and Action

6 Wed. Kant on Freedom and Action, continued

8 Fri. Third Quiz