

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
PHIL 3090 Kant / Winter 2014

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**Office hours:** Tuesday & Thursday 1:00–2:30, and by appointment

**Class meets:** Tuesday & Thursday 11:30–12:50, Macdonald Institute 103

**Brief Description of Course:** The purpose of this course is to ensure that the student has a clear understanding of the context, scope and intention of Kant's epistemology and metaphysics. For the first two weeks we shall discuss the historical background and intellectual context, and over the next five weeks we shall work through the First Critique (the *Critique of Pure Reason* [KrV]). The remaining five weeks will be devoted to the Third Critique (the *Critique of the Power of Judgement* [CPJ]).

**Method of Evaluation:** The student's final mark for the course will be based upon one mid-term exam (40%) and a final exam (60%).

(1) The midterm exam will be in-class and will be held **Thursday 13 February**. It will cover all of the material dealt with in class up to and including the Analytic of Concepts (but not the Analytic of Principles).

(2) The final exam will be take-home and will be due **Wednesday 9 April**. It will cover the Analytic of Principles and the Transcendental Dialectic of the *Critique of Pure Reason* and the entire *Critique of the Power of Judgment*.

**Required Texts (the students must use these translations):**

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, tr. Paul Guyer & Allen W. Wood (Cambridge University Press).

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of the Power of Judgment*, tr. Paul Guyer & Eric Matthews (Cambridge University Press).

# Statements Regarding University Regulations:

## **E-mail Communication**

As per University regulations, all students are required to check their <uoguelph.ca> e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the university and its students.

## **When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement**

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the Undergraduate Calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml>

## **Drop Date**

The last date to drop one-semester Winter 2014 courses, without academic penalty, is **Friday March 7**. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the Undergraduate Calendar:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml>

## **Copies of out-of-class assignments**

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

## **Student Rights and Responsibilities**

Each student at the University of Guelph has rights which carry commensurate responsibilities that involve, broadly, being a civil and respectful member of the University community. The Rights and Responsibilities are detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c14/c14-strightsrespon.shtml>

## **Academic Misconduct**

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and enjoins all members of the University community – faculty, staff, and students – to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml>

## **Recording of Materials**

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded in any electronic media without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer.

## **Resources**

The Undergraduate Calendar is the source of information about the University of Guelph's procedures, policies and regulations which apply to undergraduate programs. It can be found at:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/>

If you find yourself in difficulty, contact the undergraduate advisor in your program, or the BA Counselling Office: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/baco/contact.shtml>

## PHIL 3090(01) Winter 2014 – Schedule of Class Meetings

Thursday	9 January	Introduction to course; historical background
Tuesday	14 January	The Critical Philosophy: Kant's task and methodology
Thursday	16 January	The Critical Philosophy (continued): Kant's terminology and concepts
Tuesday	21 January	KrV [ <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> ], Prefaces and Introduction (pp. 99-152)
Thursday	23 January	KrV, Prefaces and Introduction (pp. 99-152)
Tuesday	28 January	KrV, Transcendental Aesthetic [Transcendental doctrine of elements Pt I] (pp. 155-192)
Thursday	30 January	KrV, Transcendental Aesthetic [Transcendental doctrine of elements Pt I] (pp. 155-192)
Tuesday	4 February	KrV, Transcendental Logic [Transcendental doctrine of elements Pt 2] (pp. 193-200)
Thursday	6 February	KrV, Analytic of Concepts [Transcendental analytic Bk I] (pp. 201-266)
Tuesday	11 February	KrV, Analytic of Concepts [Transcendental analytic Bk I] (pp. 201-266)
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>13 February</b>	<b>in-class mid-term exam</b>
	[Tuesday	18 February & Thursday 20 February = Winter Break]
Tuesday	25 February	KrV, Analytic of Principles [Transcendental analytic Bk II] (pp. 267-383)
Thursday	27 February	KrV, Transcendental dialectic (pp. 384-704)
	[Friday	7 March last day to drop one-semester courses without penalty]
Tuesday	4 March	Preface & [second] Introduction to CPJ [ <i>Critique of the Power of Judgement</i> ] (pp. 55-83)
Thursday	6 March	CPJ, First Part, First Section, Book I: Analytic of the Beautiful, §§1-22 (pp. 89-127)
Tuesday	11 March	CPJ, First Part, First Section, Book I: Analytic of the Beautiful, §§1-22 (pp. 89-127)
Thursday	13 March	CPJ, First Part, First Section, Book II: Analytic of the Sublime, §§23-54 (pp. 128-212)
Tuesday	18 March	CPJ, First Part, First Section, Book II: Analytic of the Sublime, §§23-54 (pp. 128-212)
Thursday	20 March	CPJ, First Part, Second Section: The Dialectic, §§55-60 (pp. 213-230)
Tuesday	25 March	CPJ, Second Part [Teleological], First Division: The Analytic, §§ 61-68 (pp. 233-255)
Thursday	27 March	CPJ, Second Part, Second Division: The Dialectic, §§ 69-91 & sq. (pp. 257-346)
Tuesday	1 April	CPJ, Second Part, Second Division: The Dialectic, §§ 69-91 & sq. (pp. 257-346)
Thursday	3 April	Review & final exam preparation
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>9 April</b>	<b>Take-home final exam due</b>