

## Kant

Philosophy 3251  
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### **Required texts:**

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, Werner Pluhar, trans., Hackett Publishing (CPR)

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Practical Reason*, Werner Pluhar, trans., Hackett Publishing (CPrR)

Articles on Courseworks (CW)

**Course requirements:** Three 2-3 page papers, one dealing with some topic in the Introduction or Transcendental Aesthetic, one dealing with a topic in the Transcendental Analytic, and one on a topic in the Transcendental Dialectic. These papers will be worth 45% of the grade; a final paper, which could extend the discussion of one of the three short papers, will be due finals week and will be worth 55% of the grade.

Due dates: Short paper 1: by February 13, short paper 2: by March 20, short paper 3: by April 19.

### **Schedule of topics and readings:**

#### **Week 1- CPR Prefaces and Introduction, 5-68 [Avii-A16/B30].**

1. January 18, *Introduction: How are Knowledge and Morality Possible? The Problem of the “a priori”*  
focus: pp. 5-55, [Avii-A10/B14].

**Week 2 - CPR 55-68 [A10/B14-A16/B30], 679-681 [A727/B755-A730/B758], Philip Kitcher, “Kant’s A Priori Framework” on CW, CPR, The Transcendental Aesthetic, 71-104 [A19/B33-A49, B73], Lorne Falkenstein, “Was Kant a Nativist?” on CW.**

2. January 23, *The Analytic/Synthetic Distinction, The “Problem” with Math, Science, and Metaphysics*

focus: pp. 55-68 [A10/B14-A16/B30]; 679-681 [Avii-A10/B14; A727/B755-A730/B758].

3. January 25, *Kant’s “Copernican Revolution,” Forms of Intuition*  
focus: pp. 76-79 [A22/B37-A25/B40].

#### **Week 3- The Transcendental Aesthetic, 71-104 [A19/B33-A49, B73]**

4. January 30, *How to solve the problem of mathematics, How to resolve the Newton-Leibniz debate about space*, focus: pp. 80-84 [A25/B40-A30, B45].

5. February 1, *Transcendental Aesthetic: Conclusions*, focus: 85-104 [A30/B46-A49/B73]

**Week 4 - CPR, The Transcendental Analytic, 105-140 [A50/B74-A83, B116]. R. Lanier Anderson, "Synthesis, Normativity, and the Meaning of Kant's Question: 'How are a priori synthetic judgements possible?'" in CW.**

6. February 6, *Transcendental Logic*, focus: pp. 105-111 [A50/B74-A57/B82].

7. February 18, *Concepts, Categories and 'Synthesis'*, focus: pp. 117-140 [A64/B89-A83/B116].

**Week 5 - CPR, The Transcendental Analytic, 141-174, 718-719 [A84/B116-A95/B129, A96-A130; A782/B810-A785/A812]**

8. February 13, **First Paper Due.** *What is a Transcendental Deduction?* focus: pp. 141-150 [A84/B116-A95/B129], (see also 718-19 [A782/B810/-A785/B812]).

9. February 15, *Constructing Cognition: The Three Syntheses*, focus: pp. 153-163 [A98-A114].

**Week 6- CPR, The Transcendental Deduction in A and B, 150-74 [A95-A130], 174-82 [B129-B139], Lewis White Beck, "Did the Sage of Königsburg Have No Dreams? and Patricia Kitcher, "The Critical and Empty Representation 'I think'" (partial), both on CW.**

10. February 20, *The Puzzle of the Unity of the Self*, focus: pp. 158-59 [A107-108], 164-70 [A115-A124].

11. February 22, *Requirements of Cognition*, focus: pp. 175-82 [B129-139].

**Week 7-CPR-Continuation of B Deduction, 182-203 [B139-B169]**

12. February 27, *Self-Consciousness and Object Cognition*, focus: re-read from last week, pp. 177-182 [B132-36]; *The Figurative Synthesis*, focus: pp. 190-195, [B150-156].

13. March 1, *Judgments*, focus: pp. 182-85, [B139-142]; *Perceiving and Conceiving*, focus: pp. 197-203, [B159-B169].

**Week 8- CPR, Analytic of Principles, 204-19, 247-276 [A130/B169-A147/B187; A176/B218-A211/B256]).**

14. March 6, *The Schematism*, focus: pp. 204-219 [A130/B169-A147/B187].

15. March 8, *Must there be Substances? Hume and the Problem of Causation*, focus: pp. 247-58 [A176/B217-A189/B232], pp. 247-76 [A176/B218-A211/B256].

**Week 9- CPR, Analytic of Principles Cont: Causation, 247-76 [A176/B218-A211/B256], Refutation of Idealism 288-292, [B274-79]; Paul Guyer, "Kant's Second Analogy" on CW.**

16. March 20, **Second Paper Due.** *Kant's Reply to Hume*, focus: re-read previous assignment.

17. March 22, *The Refutation of Idealism*, focus: pp. 288-298 [B274-79].

**Week 10, CPR, Phenomena-Noumena and Introduction to the Transcendental Dialectic; pp. 303-22 [A235/B294-A260/B315]; pp. 346-379, 458-472, 510-517 [A293/B349-A338/B396, A426/B454-A433/B461, A497/B525-A507/B535], Karl Ameriks, "Kant's Idealism on a Moderate Interpretation" on CW.**

18. March 27, *Transcendental Idealism: Phenomena and Noumena*, focus: pp. 303-322 [A235/B294-A260/B315]

19. March 29, *What is the "critique of pure reason"?* Example of 1<sup>st</sup> Antinomy, focus: pp. 346-79, 458-467, 510-517 [A293/B349-A338/B396; A426/B454-A433/B461, A497/B525-A507/B535].

**Week 11, CPR The Paralogisms and The 3<sup>rd</sup> Antinomy: Freedom, 382-441, , [A341/B399-A405, B432,]; 473-485, 535-52 [A444/B472-A452/B480; A532/B560-A558/B586].**

20. April 3, *The Limits of Self-Knowledge*, focus: pp. 382-441 [A341/B399-A405, B428].

21. April 5, *The Problem of Freedom and Causation*, focus: pp. 473-479 [A444/B472-A452/B480].

**Week 12- CPR, re-read 473-479 [A444/B472-A452/B480], 535-53 [A532/B560-A558/B586]; Ideal of Pure Reason, 560-616 [A567/B595-A642/B670], Allen Wood, "Kant's Compatibilism" on CW.**

22. April 10, *Transcendental Compatibilism*, focus: 473-479 [A444/B472-A452/B480], 535-53 [A532/B560-A558/B586].

23. April 12, *The impossibility of proving the existence of God*, focus: pp. 560-616. [A567/B595-A642/B670]

**Week 13, CPR, 617-38, A642/B670-A668/B697, and Hannah Ginsborg, "Kant on the Systematicity and Purposiveness of Nature" on CW. CPR, Transition to Ethics 730-46 [A797/B826-A819/B847] CPrR, Maxims and Laws (5.3-32).**

24. April 17, *How humans understand nature*, focus: 617-38 [A642/B670-A668/B697].

25. April 19, **Third Paper Due.** *Subjective Maxims and Moral Laws*, focus: CPR 730-46 [A797/B826-A819/B847], CPrR 5.19-32.

**Week 14, CPrR 5.31-106**

26. April 24, *The Fact of Reason and Good and Evil*, focus: CPrR 5.31-71.)  
27. April 26, *Feelings and Metaphysics*, focus: CPrR 5.71-106.

**Week 15- CPrR, Dialectic of Practical Reason 5.107-148.**

28. May 1, *The Highest Good*, focus: CPrR 5.107-148.

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