

KANT'S CRITIQUE OF PURE REASON

Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* is one of the most important texts in modern philosophy. In this course, we will be exploring both its epistemological and metaphysical doctrines. We will be discussing what, according to Kant, are the limits of our finite human understanding, how mind can be constitutive of experience, the role of time and space as pure a priori intuitions that constitute experience. We will further be discussing Kant's doctrine of transcendental idealism and how it compares to other types of idealism in contemporary epistemology. We will also be discussing the relevance of Kant's doctrine of transcendental idealism for his practical philosophy and for his metaphysical doctrine of freedom of the will, the existence of God, and the immortality of the soul.

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Required Texts:

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, trans. and ed. by Paul Guyer and Allen W. Wood, Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1998.

Recommended Texts:

Sebastian Gardner, *Routledge Philosophy Guidebook to Kant and the Critique of Pure Reason*, New York/London: Routledge, 1999.

Allison, Henry, *Kant's Transcendental Idealism*, 2nd edition, Yale University Press, 2004.

Ameriks, Karl, *Interpreting Kant's Critiques*, Oxford University Press, 2003.

Course Requirements:

- 25% Short summaries of the assigned reading (due before every class, 1 page long, 1.5 spacing)
- 15% participation (regular class attendance, participation in class discussions, regular submission of short summaries)

AND EITHER

- 25% 1st paper (shorter) 7-8pp. (2500 -3000words)
- 35% 2nd paper (longer) 10-12pp. (3500-4000 words)

OR

- 60% 1 longer paper 15-20pp (5250-7000 words)

Attendance Policy:

I will be taking attendance at each class. Students who must be absent from a class should inform me by email prior to the class that they will miss. I reserve the right to fail any student who misses two or more classes. Late arrival or early departure will count as half an absence unless excused before the beginning of class.

Academic Honesty:

All students are expected to be familiar with Temple University's policies on academic honesty. For reference, see the "Temple University Student Code of Conduct" at <http://policies.temple.edu> (policy number 03.70.02)

Academic Rights and Responsibilities Policy:

Freedom to teach and freedom to learn are inseparable facets of academic freedom. The University has adopted the policy on Student and Faculty Academic Rights and Responsibilities posted at <http://policies.temple.edu> (policy number 03.70.02)

Incomplete Policy:

I follow the incomplete policy of the College of Liberal Arts. It is stated at <http://www.temple.edu/cla/Advising/Faculty/incomplete.asp>
Incompletes are granted only in documented cases of interfering circumstances beyond the student's control (such as illness, disability or family emergency). Incomplete contracts should be completed and signed preferably by the last day of classes.

Disability Statement:

This course is open to all students who meet the academic requirement for participation. Any student who has a need for special accommodation because of a disability should contact me to discuss the specific situation as soon as possible. I will work with Disability Resources and Services (215-204-1280; 100 Ritter Annex) to coordinate reasonable accommodations for students with documented disabilities. Please register with Disability Resources and Services *in advance*, if you have a relapsing/remitting disability and there is a possibility it may interfere with your work this semester.

Schedule of readings:

Week 1 01/15	Introduction
01/17	Preface Bvii-Bxliv
	Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 1: "The Problem of Metaphysics"
Week 2 01/22	Introduction (B edition) B1-A16/B30

- Recommended: Gardner, Ch 2: “The Possibility of Objects”
- 01/24 **The Transcendental Aesthetic** (B edition):
 The Metaphysical and Transcendental Exposition of Space and Time: A19/B33- A36/B53 (up to §7)
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 3: “How are Synthetic *a priori* Judgments Possible?”
- Week 3 01/29 **The Transcendental Aesthetic**(B Edition), A37/B54-B73
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 4, pp. 65-85, Ch. 5, 103-111
- 01/31 **The Transcendental Logic, The Analytic**A50/B74-B116
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 6, pp. 115-135
- Week 4 02/05 **The Analytic, The Deduction** (B Edition), A84/B117-B129
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 6, pp. 135-141, 143-145
- 02/07 **The Analytic, The Deduction** (B Edition), B129-B169
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 6, pp. 145-15
- Week 5 02/12 **Schematism** A131/B170-A147/B187
- 02/14 **The Principles of Pure Understanding:** Introduction: A 148/B 188-A 162/B 201
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 6, pp. 166-171
- Week 6 02/19 **The Principles of Pure Understanding**, Axioms of Intuition, Anticipations of Perception, 1st Analogy: A 162/B 202- A189/B232
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch.6, pp. 196-197, 171-174
- 02/21 **The Principles of Pure Understanding**, 2nd and 3rd Analogy: A 189/B 233- A 218/B 265; Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 6, pp. 174-179
- Week 7 02/26 **The Principles of Pure Understanding**, The Postulates and The Refutation of Idealism: A 218/B 266- B 294;
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 6, pp. 179-188
- 02/28 **The Analytic of Principles, Phenomena and Noumena B, A**
 235/B 294-A 260/B 315

Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 6, pp. 198-206

FIRST (SHORTER) PAPER DUE: FRIDAY, MARCH 1, 2019

- Week 8 03/05 SPRING BREAK
 03/07 SPRING BREAK
- Week 9 03/12 **The Analytic**, The Appendix: **The Amphiboly**,
 A 260/B 316-A 292/ B 349
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 6, pp. 206-207
- 03/14 **The Dialectic**: Introduction+Book I, A293/B249-A338/B396
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 7, pp. 209-224
- Week 10 03/19 **The Dialectic**, Bk. 2, The Dialectical Inferences of Pure
 Reason,A338/B396-B406/A348;**The Paralogisms**B406-B432
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 7, pp. 225-231, 243-245
- 03/21 **The Dialectic**Bk. 2, **The Antinomy**, A405/B432-A444/B472
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 7, pp. 231-237
- Week 11 03/26 **The Dialectic** Bk. 2, **The Antinomy**, A444/B472-A476/B504
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 7, pp. 257-264
- 03/28 **The Dialectic** Bk. 2, **The Antinomy**, A476/B504-A532/B560
 Recommended: Gardner, Ch.7, pp. 249-255
- Week 12 04/02 **The Dialectic**, Bk. 2, **The Antinomy**, A532/B560-A567/B595
- 04/04 **The Dialectic**, Bk. 2, **The Ideal of Pure Reason**, A567/B595-
 A614/B642
- Week 13 04/09 **The Dialectic**, Bk. 2, **The Ideal of Pure Reason**, A615/B643-
 A642/B670
- 04/11 **Appendix to the Transcendental Dialectic**, A 642-

A684/B712

Week 14 04/16 **Appendix and the Method**, A685/B713-A713/B741

04/18 NO CLASS

Week 15 04/23 **The Transcendental Doctrine of Method, The Discipline of
Pure Reason**, A713/B741-A758/B786

04/25 **The Transcendental Doctrine of Method, The Canon of Pure
Reason,**

A795/B823-A831/B859

Recommended: Gardner, Ch. 9, pp. 307-320

FINAL PAPER DUE, MAY 6, 2019