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**CARLETON UNIVERSITY**  
**Department of Philosophy**

**PHIL. 4006A Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason***

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**COVID**

**We do philosophy together better face-to-face than online. Zoom and the like have been a blessing during COVID but there is no question that complicated activities such as philosophical discussion go better face-to-face. I will make an online option available for the rare times (very rare, I hope) that being with us on campus is impossible. However, there is a significant grade for attendance and participation. Online attendance is attendance but it will be far easier to participate effectively if you are with the rest of us in the seminar room.**

**To attend the seminars, you will have to meet the university's COVID safety requirements. I am double-vaccinated. I hope that you are, too. If you are not, you will probably have to be tested regularly.**

**BOOKS**

Kant, I. 1781/7. *Critique of Pure Reason*. Which translation is best will be discussed at the first class or before.

You will probably find it useful to have a copy of my book, Brook, A. 1994. *Kant and the Mind*. Cambridge University Press. I will buy the desired copies because I get a hefty discount.

A comprehensive bibliography by me of writings on Kant on cognition, consciousness, etc., can be found at: <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/kant-mind/> .

**ORGANIZATION**

The final hour of each seminar will be *an introduction to the following week's topic*.

Note that we will have twelve seminars, not the usual thirteen. Starting in 3<sup>rd</sup> week, the first half of each seminar will be a discussion of a student paper. *PAPERS MUST BE CIRCULATED IN ADVANCE* by Friday 6:00 pm: You send your paper to me and I circulate it. If we have less than ten students, some weeks there will be an open discussion.

**OUTLINE:** Mondays, 2:30 - 5:30

Week 1 Sept. 13 <sup>th</sup>	Kant and his Time; Getting Organized
Week 2 Sept. 20 <sup>th</sup>	Prefaces and Introduction
Week 3 Sept. 27 <sup>th</sup>	Student presentation (SP) on K's Introduction to <i>CPR</i> . Introductory talk on the <i>Transcendental Aesthetic</i> .
Week 4 Oct. 4 <sup>th</sup>	SP on <i>Transcendental Aesthetic</i> . Intro: <i>Analytic of Concepts</i> and 'Metaphysical Deduction'.
Oct. 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thanksgiving
Week 5 Oct. 18 <sup>th</sup>	SP on 'Metaphysical Deduction'. Intro: Transcendental Deduct (TD) in A.
Oct 25 <sup>th</sup>	Reading Week
Week 6 Nov. 1 <sup>st</sup>	SP on Transcendental Deduction in A, Intro: TD in B.
Week 7 Nov. 8 <sup>th</sup>	SP on TD in B, Intro: <i>Analytic of Principles</i> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Analogy.
Week 8 Nov. 15 <sup>th</sup>	SP on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Analogy, Intro: Refutation of Idealism & Amphiboly of Pure Reason.
Week 9 Nov. 22 <sup>th</sup>	SPs on Refutation of Idealism or Amphiboly of Pure Reason, Intro: <i>Dialectic</i> and Paralogisms.
Week 10 Nov. 29 <sup>th</sup>	SP on 2 <sup>nd</sup> and 3 <sup>rd</sup> Paralogisms. Intro: Antinomies.
Week 11 Dec. 6 <sup>th</sup>	SPs on 3 <sup>rd</sup> Antinomy. Intro: Ideal of Pure Reasons
Week 12, [NB] Dec. 10 <sup>th</sup>	SP on Ideal of Pure Reason. Discussion: Kant's Current Significance

**ASSIGNMENTS**

In addition to a seminar presentation, students will also do a final term paper, which will usually be a rewrite of the seminar paper, responding to comments and doing a substantial exploration of some of the secondary literature. There will be a grade for attendance and participation.

Grades will be assigned as follows:

Seminar Presentation	25%
Final Paper,, email attachment to me	50%
Seminar Attendance and Participation	25%

I am treating the final paper as a take-home exam, which means that it is due Friday, December 23<sup>rd</sup>. **A big advantage but for this reason, normally no extensions are possible.**

**Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (Fall/Winter 2021-22)**

**Assignments:**

Please follow your professor's instructions on how assignments will be handled electronically. There will be NO hard copies placed in the essay box this coming year.

**Evaluation:**

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

**Deferrals for Term Work:**

If students are unable to complete term work because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control, they should contact their course instructor no later than *three working days* of the due date. Normally, any deferred term work will be completed by the last day of the term. Term work cannot be deferred by the Registrar.

**Deferrals for Final Exams:**

Students are expected to be available for the duration of a course including the examination period. Occasionally, students encounter circumstances beyond their control where they may not be able to write a final examination or submit a take-home examination. Examples of this would be a serious illness or the death of a family member. If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a take-home examination by the due date, you may apply for a deferral no later than *three working days* after the original due date (as per the University Regulations in [Section 4.3 of the Undergraduate Calendar](#)). Visit the [Registrar's Office](#) for further information.

**Plagiarism:**

It is the responsibility of each student to understand the meaning of 'plagiarism' as defined in the Undergraduate or Graduate Calendars, and to avoid both committing plagiarism and aiding or abetting plagiarism by other students. ([Section 10.1 of the Undergraduate Calendar Academic Regulations](#))

**Academic Accommodation:**

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term:

- *Pregnancy or religious obligation:* write to your professor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the [EDC](#) website.
- *Academic accommodations for students with disabilities:* The [Paul Menton Centre](#) for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or [pmc@carleton.ca](mailto:pmc@carleton.ca) for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class test or exam requiring accommodation. After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your professor to ensure accommodation arrangements are made.
- *Survivors of Sexual Violence:* As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and where survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per [Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy](#).
- *Accommodation for [Student Activities](#):* Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist.

**Important Dates:**

Sept. 8            Classes start.  
Sept. 22          Last day for registration and course changes for fall term and fall/winter (two-term) courses.

- Sept. 30 Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from fall term or two-term courses. Withdrawals after this date will result in a permanent notation of WDN on the official transcript.
- Oct. 11 Statutory holiday. University closed.
- Oct. 25-29 Fall Break – no classes.
- Nov. 26 Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade, before the official examination period.
- Dec. 10 Last day of fall term classes. **Classes follow a Monday schedule.** Last day for academic withdrawal from fall term courses. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for a fall term course.
- Dec. 11-23 Final examinations for fall term courses and mid-term examinations in two-term courses. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.
- Dec. 23 All take-home examinations are due.
- Jan. 10 Classes begin.
- Jan. 24 Last day for registration and course changes in the winter term.
- Jan. 31 Last day for a full fee adjustment when withdrawing from winter term courses or from the winter portion of two-term courses. Withdrawals after this date will result in a permanent notation of WDN on the official transcript.
- Feb. 21 Statutory holiday. University closed.
- Feb. 22-25 Winter Break – no classes.
- Mar. 29 Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade, in winter term or fall/winter courses before the official examination period.
- Apr. 12 Last day of two-term and winter term classes. **Classes follow a Friday schedule.** Last day for academic withdrawal from fall/winter and winter courses. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for two-term and for winter term courses.
- Apr. 13 No classes or examinations take place.
- Apr. 14-28 Final examinations for winter term and two-term courses. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.
- Apr. 15 Statutory holiday. University closed.
- Apr. 28 All take-home examinations are due.

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