

PHIL 525R-000 - Topics in Modern Philosophy: Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*

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Content: This course is a graduate seminar on Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason*. We will practice two simultaneous analytics in this class: we will both situate this text within the history of Western philosophy (backward and forward-looking) and engage with a number of 20th century interpretations. A general familiarity with Kant's oeuvre is recommended but not required. Guiding foci of the seminar include the relationship between epistemology and metaphysics, the problem of dualism, the transcendental and critical method, and the nature of pure reason.

Texts:

Required: Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, The Cambridge Edition (9780521657297)

Recommended: Henry Allison, *Kant's Transcendental Idealism: An Interpretation and Defense* (9780300102666)

Additional required and recommended texts will be posted on Blackboard.

Grading: Attendance and Participation are mandatory. Students will be required to write 1) A brief Exegesis and Analysis of a passage from the assigned reading to be used for discussion in class; 2) A total of 5 (five) Brief Weekly Reflection papers; and 3) A Final Research Paper (3000words) utilizing secondary sources.