

Rationalism

University of Pittsburgh, Spring Term 2006
PHIL 1110 Monday & Wednesday 4:30-5:45

Wed 01/04	First session. Overview.
Mon 01/09	Descartes. First Meditation: radical doubt
Wed 01/11	Second Meditation: the cogito
Wed 01/18	Third Meditation: the existence of god
Mon 01/23	Fourth Meditation: truth and error
Wed 01/25	Fifth Meditation: geometry and physics
Mon 01/30	Sixth Meditation: physiology
Wed 02/01	...
Mon 02/06	Spinoza. Ethics I p1-5: substance
Wed 02/08	I p5-6
Mon 02/13	I p6-8
Wed 02/15	I p8-10
Mon 02/20	I p11-12
Wed 02/22	I p13-14
Mon 02/27	I p15
Wed 03/01	I p16-17
Mon 03/13	I p18-20
Wed 03/15	I p21-23 essay draft due (3 pages)
Mon 03/20	I p24-28
Wed 03/22	I p29
Mon 03/27	I p29-31
Wed 03/29	I p32-33
Mon 04/03	I p34-appendix
Wed 04/05	II def. & axioms
Mon 04/10	II p1-3
Wed 04/12	II p4-7
Mon 04/17	II p7-10
Wed 04/19	II p5 and 7 again; dualism and mind-body interaction according to Spinoza
Wed 04/26	essay final version due (6 pages)