

# History of Modern Philosophy

Descartes, Locke, Hume, Kant

University of Pittsburgh, Spring term 2006  
PHIL 0210, Monday & Wednesday 1:00-1:50 PM. 4/1/2006-21/4/2006

- Wed 01/04 **First lecture.** Why history of philosophy?  
Mon 01/09 **René 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: mathematical physics  
Mon 01/30 Sixth Meditation: physiology, mind and body  
Wed 02/01 *Principia Philosophiae* I,28-54: substance and causation  
Mon 02/06 **John Locke.** Introduction to the *Essay Concerning Human Understanding*  
Wed 02/08 Book I: no innate principles  
Mon 02/13 II,i: ideas in general  
Wed 02/15 II,ii: simple ideas; II,viii: primary & secondary qualities  
Mon 02/20 II,xii: complex ideas  
Wed 02/22 II,xxiii-iv: substance  
Mon 02/27 II,xxxvi: cause and effect.  
**test 1**  
**questions for final paper issued**  
Wed 03/01 **David Hume.** *Treatise of Human Nature* I,i: ideas  
Mon 03/13 I,ii: space and time  
Wed 03/15 I,iii: knowledge and probability  
Mon 03/13 I,iv: sceptical philosophy; personal identity  
Wed 03/15 **Immanuel Kant.** *Prolegomena*, Introduction  
Mon 03/27 \_1-5: analytic vs. synthetic  
Wed 03/29 \_6-13: how mathematics is possible  
Mon 04/03 \_14-20: how science of nature is possible  
Wed 04/05 \_21-26: category tables  
Mon 04/03 \_27-35: Kant about Hume  
Wed 04/10 *Critique of Pure Reason*, First Analogy: substance  
Mon 04/17 *Critique of Judgment* \_61-68: teleology  
**test 2**  
**final paper due**  
Wed 04/19 ...