

HUMA 11600 - 18
Philosophical Perspectives
Winter 2019
TR 11:00–12:20

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BOOKS

The following texts are required for the course, available for purchase at the Seminary Coop Bookstore (5751 S. Woodlawn Avenue):

- Atherton (ed.), *Women Philosophers of the Early Modern Period*. Hackett. ISBN: 978-0872202597
- Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy, with Selections from Objections and Replies*, Cambridge University Press. ISBN: 978-0521558181
- Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, Hackett, ISBN: 978-0872202290
- Shelley, *Frankenstein: The 1818 Text*. Penguin. ISBN: 978-0143131847

There are numerous translations or versions in print of each of the texts we will discuss. Make sure you use the translations/versions found in the (fairly inexpensive) books listed above.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS

There are three components of the work required of you:

- come to class prepared and participate through thoughtful comments and questions
- attend all writing seminars
- complete all writing assignments (see below)

GRADES

There will be three writing assignments of various length:

First paper	due January 22 nd , in class	worth 20%
Second paper	due February 12 th , in class	worth 25%
Third paper	draft due March 5 th , in class	worth 30%
	final version due March 19 th , 5pm	

The remaining 25% will be determined by your class participation.

Late papers will be docked a grade per day (e.g., B+ to B) unless you have received approval ahead of time.

ROADMAP

The following schedule provides an overview over the assigned readings. Readings may be slightly adjusted as the quarter goes on. Updated versions of this syllabus will be posted on Canvas as changes are made.

Week 1	January 8	Aristotle on substance (selections) Lindberg, <i>The Beginnings of Western Science</i> (selections) Bacon, <i>Novum Organum</i> (selections)
	January 10	Galileo, <i>Letter to the Grand Duchess Christina</i>
Week 2	January 15	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> , Meditations 1–2
	January 17	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> , Meditation 3
Week 3	January 22	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> , Meditation 4
	January 24	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> , Meditation 5
Week 4	January 29	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i> , Meditation 6
	January 31	Princess Elizabeth, <i>Correspondence with Descartes</i>
Week 5	February 5	Cavendish, <i>Philosophical Letters</i>
	February 7	Conway, <i>The Principles of the Most Ancient and Modern Philosophy</i>
Week 6	February 12	Leibniz, <i>On the Ultimate Origin of Things</i>
	February 14	Newton, <i>Principia</i> (selections)
Week 7	February 19	Hume, <i>Enquiry</i> , Chapters 1–3 Keller, <i>The World I Live In</i> (selections)
	February 21	Hume, <i>Enquiry</i> , Chapters 4–6
Week 8	February 26	Hume, <i>Enquiry</i> , Chapter 7
	February 28	Hume, <i>Enquiry</i> , Chapter 10
Week 9	March 5	Hume, <i>Enquiry</i> , Chapter 12 Hume, <i>Treatise</i> (selections)
	March 7	Shelley, <i>Frankenstein</i>
Week 10	March 12	Shelley, <i>Frankenstein</i> (continued) Fricker, “Hermeneutical Injustice”
	March 14	Reading Period—No Class