

HUMA 11700 - 8
Philosophical Perspectives
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TR 2–3:20

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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):

1. Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals* (Cambridge Texts in the History of Philosophy, 2nd Edition, ISBN-13: 978-1107401068)
2. J.S. Mill, *Utilitarianism: With Related Remarks from Mill's Other Writings* (Hackett Classics, ISBN-13: 978-1624665455)
3. Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morals and Ecce Homo* (Vintage Books, ISBN-13: 978-0679724629)
4. Fyodor Dostoevsky, *Notes from Underground* (Vintage Classics, ISBN-13: 978-0679734529)
5. Søren Kierkegaard, *The Present Age: On the Death of Rebellion* (Harperperennial Modern Thought, ISBN-13: 978-0061990038)

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.

Additional required readings will be available through the course's Chalk website.

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; please email them to both instructors by 5 pm on the day they are due:

First paper	due April 11 th	worth 20%
Second paper	due May 2 nd	worth 25%
Third paper	due May 23 rd	worth 35%

The remaining 20% will be determined by your class participation (details to be explained in class, but the quality of your participation in the writing seminars will be a crucial factor).

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	March 21 March 23	Introduction (no reading) Kant, <i>Groundwork</i> , Preface and Section 1
Week 2	March 28 March 30	Kant, <i>Groundwork</i> , Section 2, pp. 21–37 Kant, <i>Groundwork</i> , Section 2, pp. 37–55
Week 3	April 4 April 6	Korsgaard, “Creating the Kingdom of Ends: Reciprocity and Responsibility in Personal Relations” Kant, <i>Groundwork</i> , Section 3
Week 4	April 11 April 13	Douglass, <i>Narrative of the Life</i> , Chapters 9–10 Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> , Chapters 1–2
Week 5	April 18 April 20	Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> , Chapter 3 Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> , Chapter 4
Week 6	April 25 April 27	Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> , Chapter 5 Dostoevsky, <i>Notes from Underground</i> “The Grand Inquisitor” (from <i>The Brothers Karamazov</i>)
Week 7	May 2 May 4	Kierkegaard, <i>The Present Age</i> Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy</i> , Preface and First Essay
Week 8	May 9 May 11	Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy</i> , Second Essay Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy</i> , Third Essay
Week 9	May 16 May 18	Plato, <i>Republic</i> (selections) Wiggins, “Glaucón’s and Adeimantus’ Interrogation of Socrates” King, “The Ethical Demands for Integration” King, “Where Do We Go From Here?”