

# HUMA 11700 - 1

## Philosophical Perspectives

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TR 9:30–10:50

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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. J. Austen, *Emma* (Collins Classics, ISBN-13: 978-0008329365)

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 two components of the work required of you:

- come to class prepared and participate through thoughtful comments and questions
- 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 17 <sup>th</sup>	worth 20%
Second paper	due May 8 <sup>th</sup>	worth 25%
Third paper	due May 29 <sup>th</sup>	worth 35%

The remaining 20% will be determined by your class participation (details to be explained in class).

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.

<b>Week 1</b>	March 25 March 27	Introduction (no reading) Hume, <i>An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals</i> (selections)
<b>Week 2</b>	April 1 April 3	Kant, <i>Groundwork</i> , Preface Kant, <i>Groundwork</i> , Section 1
<b>Week 3</b>	April 8 April 10	Kant, <i>Groundwork</i> , Section 2, pp. 21–37 Kant, <i>Groundwork</i> , Section 2, pp. 37–55
<b>Week 4</b>	April 15 April 17	Kant, <i>Groundwork</i> , Section 3 Austen, <i>Emma</i> , Volume I
<b>Week 5</b>	April 22 April 24	Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> , Chapters 1–2 Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> , Chapter 3
<b>Week 6</b>	April 29 May 1	Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> , Chapter 4 Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> , Chapter 5
<b>Week 7</b>	May 6 May 8	Kierkegaard, <i>The Present Age</i> Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy</i> , Preface and First Essay
<b>Week 8</b>	May 13 May 15	Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy</i> , Second Essay Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy</i> , Third Essay
<b>Week 9</b>	May 20 May 22	Anscombe, “Modern Moral Philosophy” Plato, <i>Republic</i> , Book II 357a–368e, Book IV 435a–445e Wiggins, “Glaucon’s and Adeimantus’ Interrogation of Socrates”