

PART II: EMPIRICISM

Feb. 19 Finish Leibniz's argument that this world is the best of all possible worlds. **Group #4 Report on paragraphs 39-end. Fourth Reading Summary (on the last half of the *Monadology* [DUE DATE MOVED TO 2/28 due to problems with access to reading!!])**

Feb. 20 Online Quiz #2 (on Leibniz Unit) available in Canvas. Due Monday, February 23 by 11:59 p.m.)

Week #8

Feb. 24 Introduction to Locke Against Innate Ideas. (Reading: Locke's *Essay*, Book I, Chapter II, §1-9, 12, 14-15, 17-19, 21-22, 24) **Fifth Reading Summary (on today's reading in Locke, due 2/26 by 11:59 pm, but available with no penalty until 2/28 by 11:59 pm)**

Feb. 26 **Mid-Semester Reading Day**

Week #9

Mar. 3 More on Locke against innate ideas, *plus*: Locke on acquired ideas and mental powers. (Reading: Locke's *Essay*, Book II, Chapter I, §1-9 inclusive; Book II, Chapter II, §1-3, Chapter III, §1-2, Chapter IV, §1-6, Chapter V, intro; Chapter VI, §1-2.) **Group #5 Reading Report (on Today's Readings)**

Mar. 5 Locke on acquired ideas and mental powers *plus* introduction to Locke on qualities. (Reading: Locke's *Essay*, Chapter IX, §8-12; Chapter X, §1-2, Chapter XI, §1, 4, 6, 8-11, 15, 17; Chapter XII, §1-8; Chapter XXII, §1-5) **Sixth Reading Summary Due in Canvas by Class Time today (on today's reading)**

Mar. 6 Online Quiz #3 (on Locke Unit Through Material Up to but Not Including Locke's theory of Qualities) available in Canvas 8 a.m.. Due Monday, March 9 by 11:59 p.m.)

Week #10

Mar. 10 Locke on qualities and substances *plus* Locke on consciousness and personal identity + Descartes, Leibniz and Locke Review (Reading: Locke's *Essay*, Book II, Chapter VIII, §7-26, Chapter XXIII, §1-12, 14-20, 22-23, 25, 28, 30-37; Book II, Chapter I, §10-14, 19-20, 23-25; Chapter XXVII, §1-29.)

Mar. 12 Introduction to Hume's "mental geography" and theory of ideas. (Reading: Hume's *Enquiry*, Author's Advertisement, Section I, Section II) **Group #6 Reading Report (on Today's Readings); Seventh Reading Summary Due in Canvas by Class Time today (on today's reading)**

Week #11

Mar. 17 Spring Break (no classes)

Mar. 19 Spring Break (no classes)

Week #12

Mar. 24 Hume's theory of judgment and the strategy for his critique of the rationalist principle of sufficient reason, and the idea of a causal relationship. (Reading: *Enquiry*, Section III, IV, Parts I&II; Section V, Part I&II, Section VI, Section VII, Part I&II; **Handout #5**). **Group #7 Reading Report (on Today's Readings) Eighth Reading Summary Due in Canvas by Class Time today (on today's reading)**

Mar. 26 More on Hume's Association Principle and how it provides a basis for all concepts of relations among ideas, how that leads to his theory of judgment, and eventually provides the basis for his negative critique of the concept of a causal relation.

Week #13

Mar. 31 Finishing Hume: Critical analysis of his positive, empiricist theory of causation and Hume's Attack on Induction + Introduction to Berkeley's extreme reaction to Locke, known as Phenomenalism or Berkeleyan Idealism (Reading: Berkeley's *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous*, First Dialogue. **Group #8 Reading Report (on Today's Readings) Ninth Reading Summary Due in Canvas by Class Time today (on the Berkeley reading for today)**

Apr. 2 Berkeley on Perception, Existence and Human Knowledge. (Reading: Berkeley's *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous*, Second Dialogue.

Apr. 3 Online Quiz #4 (Comprehensive on Hume Unit) available in Canvas 8 a.m.. Due Monday, April 6 by 11:59 p.m.)

Week #14

Apr. 6 Online Quiz #4 on Hume Due today by 11:59 p.m. in Canvas

Apr. 7 Finishing Berkeley; Reid's (and other's) attack on the "idea"-idea. What Descartes, Hume, Locke and Berkeley all assumed about the nature of ideas. (Reading: Berkeley's *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous*, Third Dialogue)

PART III: BEYOND RATIONALISM AND EMPIRICISM

Apr. 9 The Old problem of Objectivity: Kant's Copernican revolution and the reconciliation of rationalism and empiricism and the New problem of Objectivity. (Reading: Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* [CPR], Preface to 1st Edition, Preface to 2nd Edition [ALL AVAILABLE in Canvas under "Kant Readings" Module!], Introduction to 1st Edition; Handouts #7-#8; **Group #9 Reading Report (on Today's Readings) (Handouts #7)**)

Week #15

Apr. 14 Kant solves the Old Problem of Objectivity and creates the New Problem of Objectivity. The Transcendental Aesthetic (TA) and transcendental idealism, *or, How the Active Faculty of Appearances Creates Something A Priori in Perception*. (Reading: Kant's CPR, Transcendental Aesthetic A-Edition and B-Edition [Both in Kant Readings Module]) ~~Tenth Reading Summary Due in Canvas by Class Time today (on today's reading)~~ (Cancelled...all students get full credit for the assignment in my gradebook)

Apr. 16 Transcendental Aesthetic (continued) *and* The Logical Deduction/Metaphysical Deduction (Reading: Kant's CPR, Transcendental Analytic_ Introduction to Kant on General and Transcendental Logic [in Canvas "Kant Readings" module]).

Apr. 17 Online Quiz #5 on Kant's *Transcendental Aesthetic* available @ 8:00 a.m. today. Due on Monday, April 20, by 11:59 pm

Week #16

Apr. 21 Transcendental Analytic: The Role of the Faculty of Judgment in the Constitution of Experience—First Step: Contribution from the Forms of Judgment. (**READINGS:** *Critique of Pure Reason:* Transcendental Analytic_ On the Clue to the Discovery of all Pure Concepts of Understanding First and Second Sections [in Canvas "Kant Readings" module]). **Group #10 Reading Report) (on Today's Readings)**

Apr. 23 Transcendental Analytic: The Role of the Faculty of Concepts in the Constitution of Experience (cont'd) + Second Step: How the Forms of Judgment Became Categories of Understanding that Constitute Objects of Experience; Overview of Kant's Transcendental Deduction of the Categories where Kant Solves Hume's Problem with the Idea of a Causal Relation (**READINGS:** Transcendental Analytic_ On the Clue to the Discovery of all Pure Concepts of Understanding Third Section Complete).

****Online Final Exam Available on 4/28/26 at 8:00 a.m. ****

****Final Due in Canvas by 11:59 pm on 4/30/26****