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Ph100

**CHAMINADE UNIVERSITY**

**Introduction to Philosophy**

**Course Outline**

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**Objectives**

A successful student in this class will write short essays on eight of the following ten objectives to the satisfaction of the instructor.

- Distinguishing philosophy from both science and religion.
- Explain and critically evaluate the empiricist theory of knowledge.
- Explain and critically evaluate the rationalist method of knowledge.
- Present the main themes of the French Enlightenment.
- Explain Kant's critical idealism as it pertains to theory of knowledge.
- Explain Kant's theory of self.
- Explain and evaluate Kant's moral theory.
- Differentiate Kant's moral theory from utilitarian ethics.
- Identify the main directions of the romanticist critique of Enlightenment.
- Evaluate the impact of philosophies of will.
- Pass the final examination.

**Grading standards**

A=95-100; B=85-94; C=75-84; D=65-74

**Requirements**

Essays                80%  
 Final                 20%

**Text and Reading**

David E. Cooper, WORLD PHILOSOPHIES (Blackwell: Oxford 1996.)

**Schedule of activities**

1	8-30	Introduction to the course
2	9-1	Philosophy and science
3	9-3	Philosophy and religion
4	9-8	<b>Essay (1)</b>
5	9-10	Empirical theory: Locke
6	9-13	Empirical theory: Berkeley
7	9-15	Empirical theory: Hume
8	9-17	<b>Essay (2)</b>
9	9-20	Rationalist theory: Descartes
10	9-22	Rationalist theory: Spinoza
11	9-24	Rationalist theory: Leibniz
12	9-27	<b>Essay (3)</b>
13	9-29	Enlightenment
14	10-1	Modernity
15	10-4	Status of social sciences
16	10-6	<b>Essay (4)</b>
17	10-8	Synthetic-Apriori: Kant
18	10-13	Space, time and the categories of the understanding: Kant
19	10-15	The ideals of reason: Kant
20	10-18	<b>Essay (5)</b>

21	10-20	Intellectual self: Kant
22	10-22	Moral self: Kant
23	10-25	Morality and aesthetics
24	10-27	<b>Essay (6)</b>
25	10-29	Teleology and deontology
26	11-1	Categorical imperative
27	11-3	Morality and religion
28	11-5	<b>Essay (7)</b>
29	11-8	The pleasure principle
30	11-10	Act and rule utilitarianism
31	11-12	Critique of utilitarianism
32	11-15	<b>Essay (8)</b>
33	11-17	Enlightenment and the elevation of reason
34	11-19	Intellect and will
35	11-22	The romantic critique
36	11-24	<b>Essay (9)</b>
37	11-29	Philosophy of will: Schopenhauer
38	12-1	Philosophy of will: Nietzsche
39	12-3	Philosophy of faith: Kierkegaard
40	<del>12-6</del>	<b>Essay (10)</b>
41	12-8	Review
42	12-10	Review