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## KANT

(1) **TEXTS**

Brittan, Kant's Theory of Science (Fac-Pac)  
Kant, Critique of Pure Reason  
Kant, On the Proverb (Fac-Pac)

(2) **TEXTS ON RESERVE IN THE MANSFIELD LIBRARY**

Ameriks, "Recent Work on Kant's Theoretical Philosophy"  
Gram, ed., Kant: Disputed Questions  
Harris and Severens, eds., Analyticity  
Kant, Werke, vols 3 & 4 and Anmerkungen der Bände I-V  
Kleingeld, "The Problematic Status of Gender-Neutral Language"  
Sachindex zu Kants Kritik der reinen Vernunft  
Personenindex zu Kants gesammelten Schriften  
Strawson, The Bounds of Sense  
Walker, ed., Kant on Pure Reason  
Weldon, Kant's Critique of Pure Reason  
Zoeller, "Main Developments in Recent Scholarship on the Critique of Pure Reason"

We will read the Critique from September 3 till roughly November 17 and On the Proverb from November 19 through December 10. On Tuesdays of September 15 through November 17, we will use the first part of each session to discuss one chapter each of Kant's Critique of Science.

(3) **REQUIREMENTS**

(a) **Classroom Participation** (20% of course grade)

It will be your obligation to show through participation in the classroom discussion that you are keeping up with the reading assignments and are in command of the material presented in class. It will be my obligation to make everyone feel welcome and encouraged to participate.

(b) **Midterm** (20% of course grade) and **Final Examination** (20% of course grade)

Each will consist of five to ten questions designed to test your command of the first and second half of the course material respectively.

**Midterm:** Tuesday, October 27

**Final:** Wednesday, December 16, 8:00 AM

**(c) Term paper (40% of course grade)**

The term paper should confront a topic of personal and general significance with appropriate themes in Kant, the goal being the mutual illumination of that topic and of Kant's thought. Please formulate a topic of your own and submit it with a brief outline before you begin detailed work on the paper. I will be glad to assist in the selection and formulation of the topic.

Undergraduates should aim at a paper of roughly 2500 words (10 pp.). Secondary material is neither required nor encouraged. The emphasis must be on independent reflection.

Graduates should write a paper of about 4000 words (16 pp.). Here, too, the emphasis is on original reflection. But there should also be consideration of at least some pieces of Kant scholarship: one or more books, chapters of a book, or articles. An oral report on that piece should be given in class. The report should be about 20 minutes in length, giving an exposition and critique of the author's thesis.

The papers must typewritten, double-spaced, paginated, paper-clipped, the notes at the end of the paper; no outline or bibliography. Follow the MLA Style Sheet or the Review of Metaphysics.

The deadline for the term paper is **Tuesday, December 1.**

**(d) Diagnostic Test**

There will be a test on Tuesday, September 29, on the material covered so far. It will be graded and recorded, but not counted toward the course grade. It is intended to give you a timely indication of how you are doing in the course.

**(4) NOTE**

September 21 is the last day to add classes.

October 12 is the last day to drop classes or change the grading option.

Office Hours: MWF, 8:10-9:00 AM or by appointment in LA 149.

Phone and messages: 243-2792

If you have a disability, please let me know so that we can provide accommodation.