

*Directed Studies: Philosophy*  
*Spring 2019*

**Lectures:** Friday, 11:35-12:25, Whitney Humanities Center Auditorium

**Sections:**

Kenneth Winkler	TTh 1-2:15 pm
Stephen Darwall	TTh 11:35-12:50 pm
Paul Franks	TTh 11:35-12:50 pm
Francey Russell	TTh 11:35-12:50 pm
Mark Maxwell	TTh 11:35-12:50 pm
Jonathan Fine	TTh 1-2:15 pm

**Texts (available at the World Language Center in the Yale Bookstore):**

René Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, edited by John Cottingham (Cambridge)

Princess Elisabeth of Bohemia, selections from her correspondence with Descartes (copies to be distributed)

Benedict de Spinoza, *A Spinoza Reader*, translated by Edwin M. Curley (Princeton)

George Berkeley, *A Treatise concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*, edited by Kenneth P. Winkler (Hackett)

David Hume, *Enquiries concerning Human Understanding and concerning the Principles of Morals*, edited by L. A.

Selby-Bigge and P. H. Nidditch, third edition (Oxford)

Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, edited by Selby-Bigge and Nidditch, second edition (Oxford)

Immanuel Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, translated by Paul Guyer and Allen Wood (Cambridge)

Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*, translated by James Ellington (Hackett)

G. W. F. Hegel, *Phenomenology of Spirit*, translated by A.V. Miller (Oxford)

John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism*, edited by George Sher (Hackett)

Soren Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*, translated by Sylvia Walsh (Cambridge)

Simone de Beauvoir, *The Ethics of Ambiguity*, translated by Bernard Frechtman (Open Road Media)

Iris Murdoch, *The Sovereignty of Good* (Routledge)

**Weekly Assignments and Lectures:**

**Week 1**

Reading: Descartes, *Meditations* 1-3

Lecture, Thursday, January 17, 4-4:50 pm, Kenneth Winkler on *Meditations* 1-3

**Week 2**

Reading: Descartes, *Meditations* 4-6, Princess Elisabeth, selections from her correspondence with Descartes

Lecture, January 25: Michael Della Rocca on *Meditations* 4-6 and the correspondence with Elisabeth

**Week 3**

Reading: *A Spinoza Reader*, selections to be announced

Lecture, February 1: Michael Della Rocca on Spinoza

**Week 4**

Reading: Berkeley, *A Treatise concerning the Principles of Human Knowledge*

Lecture, February 8: Mark Maxwell on Berkeley

**Week 5**

Reading: Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, sections 1-5, 7-8, 12

Lecture, February 15: Kenneth Winkler on Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*

**Week 6**

Reading: Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, Book I, Part 4, section 6; Book II, Part

1, Section 1; Book II, Part 3, sections 3-4; Book III, Part 1; Book III, Part 2, sections 1-2

Lecture, February 22: Shelly Kagan on Hume, *Treatise*

**Week 7**

Reading: Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, Preface in B, Introduction in B, Transcendental

Aesthetic in B (pp. 106-20, 136-52, 172-92)

Lecture, March 1: Kenneth Winkler on Kant, *Critique* (up through the Transcendental Aesthetic)

**Week 8**

Reading: Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, opening of the Transcendental Analytic, First and Second Analogies, Refutation of Idealism, Third Antinomy plus Resolution of the cosmological idea (pp. 204-14 [up to the end of section 10]; 246-8 [section 16 only]; 299-309 [stop at A 197, before "we have representations in us, . . ."]; 326-9 [begin at heading "Refutation of Idealism," stop at end of "Note 3"]; 484-9; 532-7 [stop before "Clarification"]; and single paragraph on top of p. 546.

Lecture, March 8: Paul Franks on Kant, *Critique* (Transcendental Analytic and beyond)

**Week 9**

Reading: Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*

Lecture, March 29: Stephen Darwall on Kant, *Grounding*

**Week 10**

Reading: Hegel, *Phenomenology* Introduction (pp. 46-57), chapter 1, Sense-certainty (pp. 58-66), chapter 4, Lordship and Bondage (pp. 111-19)

Lecture, April 5: Paul Franks on Hegel

**Week 11**

Reading: Mill, *Utilitarianism*

Lecture, April 12: Stephen Darwall on Mill

**Week 12**

Reading: Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*

Lecture, April 19: Jonathan Fine on Kierkegaard

**Week 13**

Reading: de Beauvoir, *Ethics of Ambiguity*, Murdoch, *The Sovereignty of Good*

Lecture, April 26: Francey Russell on de Beauvoir and Murdoch

EXAM: Friday May 3, 2:00pm