THE PHILOSOPHY OF IMMANUEL KANT

Course Description:
This course will examine in detail the works of the 18th century German philosopher, Immanuel Kant, widely regarded as one of the most influential philosophers of all time. We will consider Kant as a response to the preceding schools of Rationalism and Empiricism as well as a precursor to contemporary trends in philosophy. To do this we will study his writings in the areas of metaphysics and epistemology, ethics, and aesthetics.

Required Texts:
Kant, *Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics*
Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*
Kant, *Critique of the Power of Judgment*
Thomson, *On Kant*

CALENDAR

**Part I: Metaphysics & Epistemology [Readings from the Prolegomena]**
1/10-1/12 Intro / Historical background (Hume and Leibniz)
1/17-1/19 Preface, First Part
1/24-1/26 Second Part
1/31-2/2 Third Part
2/7-2/9 Conclusion
2/14-2/16 Readings from *Critique of Pure Reason* (On line)

**Part II: Ethics [Readings from the Groundwork]**
2/21-2/23 EXAM 2/23 / Preface, First Section
2/28-3/1 Second Section
3/6-3/8 Third Section

**Part III: Aesthetics [Readings from the Critique of Judgment]**
3/13-3/15 SPRING BREAK
3/20-3/22 Preface and Intro (pgs.55-83) / Analytic of the Beautiful (pgs. 89-104)
3/27-3/29 Class cancelled / Analytic of the Beautiful (pgs. 105-127)
4/3-4/5 PAPER DUE (4/3) Deduction (pgs. 160-196)
4/10-4/12 Dialectic (pgs. 213-230) [TBA]
4/17-4/19 Review / EXAM 4/19
Grades, Exams and Notes:

< The graded work for the course will consist two in class essay exams (one at mid-term and one as an a final) and one 6-8 page typewritten essay on a topic to be assigned. Each piece of work will be equally graded.
< Students are expected to attend regularly and to be prepared by reading the assignments in advance.
< Arrangements will be made for late papers and exam make-ups only on the basis of a weighty excuse (typically medical). Students should request special arrangements before the deadlines whenever possible.

Grading Scale:

92-100   A
89-91    A-
86-88    B+
82-85    B
79-81    B-
76-78    C+
72-75    C
69-71    C-
66-68    D+
62-65    D
59-61    D-
0-58     F