



BASIC PROGRAM of LIBERAL EDUCATION FOR ADULTS
Autumn, 2022
Kant's Critique of Pure Reason

COURSE INFORMATION		
COURSE TITLE <i>Kant's Critique of Pure Reason</i>	CODE & SECTION BASC 70166 22A1	LENGTH OF COURSE 10 weeks
COURSE SCHEDULE DAYS: Thursdays, 9:30am-12:45 pm	CLASS LOCATION Online	INSTRUCTOR Clare Pearson EMAIL: cepearson@uchicago.edu (alt pearson5478@comcast.net)

PREREQUISITES: None

COURSE DESCRIPTION

Kant's Critique of Pure Reason was a "Copernican revolution" in philosophy, and remains foundational for any real grasp of Western philosophy. Describing how reason itself has in structuring and shaping all our fundamental experience, Kant aims to strike a middle path between the ungrounded arrogance of metaphysical claims and the relativism of the radical empiricists. In showing the limits of reason and knowledge, Kant simultaneously shows where and how we can still come to valid and universal truth claims. His argument offers a radical approach to time and space, shifts our understanding of the nature of truth and relation to the natural world, and opens the door for transformed conceptions of ethics and God. For this class we will focus our discussion of this beautifully constructed work on the key sections of the argument, aiming to get a core understanding of the whole, and will pass by the nuances involved in parsing the differences between the first and second editions. *Please read Kant's Introduction and pp. 7-104, The Transcendental Aesthetic (Space & Time) for the first class.*

REQUIRED TEXTS

- Kant, *Critique of Pure Reason*, tr. Werner Pluhar, Hackett, ISBN-13 : 978-0872202573

WEEKLY READING SCHEDULE

(please note that the schedule may be adjusted to the needs of the class)

WEEK	Author	TEXT/READING ASSIGNMENT
Week 1 Date: Sept 29	Kant	Kants Introductions, pp. 43-68 Transcendental Aesthetic (Space and Time), pp. 71-104
Week 2 Date: Oct 6	Kant	Transcendental Logic & Division 1 Bk 1: Analytic, Chap 1: Logic and the Understanding-- Judgments & Categories, logical use of reason (pp. 105-138)
Week 3 Date: Oct 13	Kant	Transcendental Analytic, Chap 2, section 1: Principles, Section 2: Transcendental Deduction of the Pure Concepts of Reason, B version (pp. 141-149, 175-203) [A version optional reading]
Week 4 Date: Oct 20	Kant	Div. 1 Book II: Analytic of Principles, chap 1, chap 2 though sec. 3 end of "Anticipations of Perception" pp. 206-246
Week 5 Date: Oct 27	Kant	Analytic of Principles, ch 2 sec 3 "Analogies of Experience" to end of chap, pp 247-302
Week 6 Date: Nov 3	Kant	Analytic of Principles Ch 3, Phenomena & Noumena & appendix, pp 303-345
Week 7 Date: Nov 10	Kant	Division 2, part I, Intro & Bk 2 chap 1: Transcendental Illusion, Paralogisms of Pure Reason
Week 8 Date: Nov 17	Kant	Div 2 Pt I ch 2, sections 1-5, Antinomies of Pure Reason
Week 9 Date: Dec 1	Kant	Div 2 Pt I ch 2, sections 5-9 & Solutions (I-IV)
Week 10 Date: Dec 8	Kant	Div 2 Pt I Ch 3 sections III-VII: The Ideal of Pure Reason (including the discussion of the impossibility of a proof of God), pp. 572-626 & Div 2 Part II Ch 2, Pt 1, The Ultimate Purpose of the Pure Use of Our Reason, pp. 730-734, & Pt 3, On Opinion, Knowledge, and Faith, pp. 747-754

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