

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Course Outline**

Philosophy 4050G/9xxxB: Kant's Theory of Cognition

**Fall 2018-19
T: 11:30-2:30
Classroom StH 1145**

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DESCRIPTION

This course, which is suitable for those without any background in Kant's philosophy, will consider in detail his account of cognition, primarily as it is elaborated in his monumental *Critique of Pure Reason*. Among the topics covered will be Kant's views on sensation, spatial-temporal cognition, the role of the imagination, illusion and hallucination, conceptual and non-conceptual content, and consciousness.

TEXTS

Kant, I. *Critique of Pure Reason*, ed. & tr. Guyer & Wood (Cambridge UP, 1998)
Secondary literature will be made available on the OWL page for the course.

(Not required, but recommended)

Kant, *Anthropology from a Pragmatic Point of View*, trans. R. Louden (Cambridge UP, 2006)

OBJECTIVES

Students completing this course successfully will:

- (1) be familiar with the principal themes and arguments of Kant's theoretical philosophy,
- (2) be able to write concise summaries of complex philosophical arguments,

REQUIREMENTS

Regular attendance is mandatory and *all* participants are expected to have prepared for class discussion (i.e., to have read and digested the assigned material).

OWL

There is an OWL page for this class (under the title Phil 4050G) on which I will post course info, links to secondary materials, and other resources. All undergraduate students are already enrolled on the site. Any graduate students who would like to be added can send me an email indicating as much.

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