

Philosophy 12: History of Early Modern Philosophy

The evolution of ideas from the Scientific Revolution to the Enlightenment

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Overview: An introduction to the philosophy of the seventeenth and eighteenth centuries, with the backdrop of that era's scientific revolution to guide our explorations into the evolution of ideas. Keeping a careful eye on the holistic historical environment of the time, we will investigate how philosophers of the era addressed the question of, "What do we know, and how do we know it?" Starting with the contributions of Copernicus and Galileo, we'll engage with the thought of both the canonical works of major Western philosophers such as Descartes, Leibniz, Locke, Hume, and Kant as well as lesser-known correspondents and contributors to the collective discourse.

Required resources:

Textbooks –

Modern Philosophy: An Anthology of Primary Sources Roger Ariew and Eric Watkins, Hackett Publishing Co.; 2nd edition (2009)
ISBN-13: 978-0872209787

Women Philosophers of the Early Modern Period Margaret Atherton, Hackett Publishing Co.; (1994)
ISBN-13: 978-0872202597

Canvas Online Course Environment –

<http://canvas.instructure.com> (invitation sent to your UCI email address.)

Supplementary readings not found in the course textbooks will be posted on Canvas under Files → Readings

TurnItIn.com account

Final grade break-down:

Attendance (5%)	
Discussions (10%)	
Scribe Duty (10%)	
3 page paper (20%)	Due end of week 2
5 page paper (30%)	Due end of week 5
Final Exam (25%)	

Late policy for papers: A full letter grade deduction for each 24-hours late (including each day of the weekend). The policy applies for the original due dates and any new due dates set because of an extension. An assignment is late if it is digitally time-stamped any time after the official due date/time. *No late final exams will be accepted for any reason.*

Academic integrity: Essays must be submitted to turnitin.com in addition to being submitted to the course website. All work done for this course (and beyond!) must be your own, properly cited. Academic integrity is fundamental to maintaining the value of University degrees for everyone, and plagiarizers will be subject to UC Irvine's disciplinary procedures to the fullest extent. It is the student's full responsibility to know the University's procedures and guidelines. Learn more here: <http://honesty.uci.edu/students.html>
http://www.senate.uci.edu/senateweb/default2.asp?active_page_id=754

Technology Policy: In the interest of good scholarship, the use of laptops, tablets, cell phones, or other electronic devices in class is prohibited. Failure to comply with this policy will result in the loss of a "class life." See the course website for details on "class lives."

Schedule of class meetings

**please note that this is subject to change based on our progress*

Week 1:	June 23 July 25	Setting the Scene: Copernicus & Galileo Bacon, Galileo, Descartes <i>Discourse on Method</i>
Week 2:	June 30 July 2	Descartes <i>Meditations</i> Elisabeth of Bohemia, Malebranche, Pascal
Week 3:	July 7 July 9	Leibniz, Conway Lady Masham, Clarke, Newton
Week 4:	July 14 July 16	Locke, Boyle, Cockburn Hume
Week 5:	July 21 July 23	Hume, Sheppard Kant <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i>
Week 6:	July 28 July 30	Wrapping up & Final Review Final Exam