

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2008-2009

Philosophy 3028F (001): HUME
Previously Philosophy 361F/G



Fall Term 2008
Monday 1.30-3.30; Wednesday 1.30-2.30
TC 340

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A study of Hume's *Treatise of human nature* and related philosophical works, including his works on religion.

TEXTS

- David Hume. *A treatise of human nature*. David Fate Norton and Mary J. Norton, eds. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2000).
- David Hume. *Essays moral, political, and literary*. Eugene F. Miller, ed. (Indianapolis: Liberty Fund, 1985).
- David Hume. *Dialogues and Natural History of Religion*. J.C.A. Gaskin, ed. (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 1993).
- David Hume. "Of miracles" in David Hume, *An enquiry concerning human understanding*, section X. Available online. To access this work open the electronic catalogue at www.lib.uwo.ca. Be sure to log in for off campus information by supplying your username and password and clicking on the login button under "off-campus access" on the left of the screen. Then look up "Complete works and correspondence of David Hume" in the library catalogue. On the screens that comes up, click on the titles, "The complete works and correspondence of David Hume [computer file]" and "Hume: Complete Works and Correspondence -- Past Masters." You may want to explore the nlx site that you are redirected to. Otherwise, highlight "Hume: Complete Works and Correspondence" and click on the "Go" button. Clicking on the "+" sign beside the entry for "An enquiry concerning human understanding" in the table of contents on the left will expand the contents. Clicking on "Section 10: Of Miracles" brings up the work, which you can both read and search electronically. Note that all of Hume's philosophical works can be searched electronically using this web site.

REQUIREMENTS

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| Bibliography Assignment | Monday, Sept. 22 | -5% if late |
| Mid term exam | Wednesday, Oct. 8 VAC 100 | 20% |
| Reading list | Wednesday, Oct. 29 | -5% if late |
| Term paper prospectus | Wednesday, Nov. 12 | -5% if late |
| Term paper (2,000-3,000 words) | Wednesday, Dec. 3 | 40% |
| Final exam | Wednesday, Dec. 10 2:00pm SSC 3102 | 40% |

A passing grade on the final exam is a necessary condition for passing the course

PREREQUISITES:

Philosophy 2202F/G (formerly 211F/G)

SYLLABUS (one unit per 50 minutes of class time)

- 1: [Introduction: Hume's life and works; course plan](#)
- 2: [Treatise Introduction and 1.1](#)
- 3: [Treatise 1.2.1-1.2.2 and 1.2.4](#)
- 4: [Treatise 1.2.3 and 1.2.5-1.2.6](#)
- 5: [Treatise 1.3.1-1.3.5](#)
- 6: [Treatise 1.3.6-1.3.8](#) and [Appendix \(Treatise pp.396-398\)](#)
- 7: [Treatise 1.3.9-1.3.13](#)
- 8: [Treatise 1.3.14-1.3.16](#)
- 9: [Treatise 1.4.1](#)
- 10: [Treatise 1.4.2](#)
- 11: [Treatise 1.4.3-1.4.4](#)
- 12: [Treatise 1.4.5](#)
- 13: [Treatise 1.4.6-1.4.7](#) and [Appendix \(Treatise pp. 398-401\)](#)
- 14: [Treatise 2.1.1, 2.1.4.2-3, 2.3.9, 2.3.3.8-10, 2.3.8.13](#)
- 15: [Treatise 2.1.2-2.1.8](#)
- 16: [Treatise 2.1.11](#) and [2.3.1-2](#)
- 17: [Treatise 2.3.3](#) and [2.3.8.13](#)
- 18: [Treatise 3.1](#)
- 19: [Treatise 3.3.1](#)
- 20: [Treatise 3.2.1-3.2.2](#)
- 21: [Treatise 3.2.5](#) and [3.3.6](#)
- 22: ["Of the standard of taste"](#)
- 23: ["Of the rise and progress of the arts and sciences"](#)
- 24: ["Of suicide,"](#) and ["Of the immortality of the soul"](#)
- 25: ["Of miracles"](#) (Section X of *An enquiry concerning human understanding* available online — see instructions under course texts)
- 26: ["Of particular providence and a future state"](#) (Section XI of *An enquiry concerning human understanding* available in Gaskin, pp. 11-24)
- 27: ["Of superstition and enthusiasm,"](#)
- 28: [The natural history of religion Introduction and parts I-VIII](#)
- 30: [The natural history of religion IX-XV](#), including note I (Gaskin 190-193)
- 31: [Dialogues concerning natural religion Introduction and part I-IV and IX](#)
- 32: [Dialogues concerning natural religion V-VIII and X-XI](#)
- 35: [Dialogues concerning natural religion XII](#)

THIS OUTLINE IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE, GIVEN SUFFICIENT PRIOR NOTICE.

You are responsible for ensuring that you have successfully completed all course prerequisites and that you have not taken an antirequisite course. Lack of prerequisites may not be used as basis of appeal. If you are not eligible for a course, you may be removed from it at any time, and you will receive no fee adjustment. These decisions cannot be appealed.

AUDIT

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes.

Incompletes are granted at the *exclusive* discretion of the Undergraduate Program Chair, and only on the basis of documented medical or compassionate grounds. If, during the course, you envisage any difficulty completing all the required work by the completion deadline, consult immediately with the instructor *and* the Undergraduate Program Chair.

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Proficiency in English: Students are reminded that University policy requires proficiency in English to be taken into account in the assignment of grades in all courses (see 2008 Calendar, p. 33).

Scholastic Offenses

Plagiarism. Plagiarism is a form of cheating. It is viewed as a very serious scholastic offense by the University, and is treated as such. Penalties for plagiarism range from a failing grade for the assignment or the course to suspension or even expulsion from the University (see 2008 Calendar, p. 38-40). As well, it also automatically leads to the establishment of a scholastic offense record in the Dean's Office of the student's home faculty.

Plagiarism is *unacknowledged copying or paraphrasing of the words or ideas of another person*. In general, anyone who learns something from a source (other than course lectures or general background knowledge any student of the course could reasonably be expected to have) and then presents that knowledge as their own discovery is considered to have plagiarized, even if the words used to express the ideas are not exactly the same. Other examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- misrepresenting co-authored or group work as individually done;
- cutting and pasting copied or paraphrased work by others in with your own work;
- paraphrasing or altering the order of words or phrases and/or substituting words or phrases of similar meaning without acknowledging that you are doing so.

In your written work, you should take care to make adequate reference to the sources of the ideas and words you borrow, either in your footnotes, endnotes, or in the body of your text. Your instructor will be happy to show you a proper method of documenting your sources.

Plagiarism checking. The Department of Philosophy has adopted a policy requiring that all written assignments for courses at the 1000-, and 2000-levels be submitted electronically to <http://www.turnitin.com>. Turnitin.com is a service designed to help students protect the copyright in their work and professors to identify plagiarism. Instructors will receive a report from the website determining each paper's "originality content." The Department will assign penalties when plagiarism is discovered, or when there is a significant discrepancy between the electronic version and the hard copy. More information is available at <http://turnitin.uwo.ca>. Students in upper year courses may also be required to submit their written work to <http://turnitin.com> for plagiarism checking.

The University of Western Ontario and the Philosophy Department treat a number of other practices as academic offenses. These include but are not limited to:

- **Recycling:** Submitting for credit any academic work for which credit previously has been obtained or is being sought in another course or program of study in the University or elsewhere without the knowledge and *written* approval of the instructor to whom it is/was originally submitted.
- **Cheating** on an examination or falsifying material subject to academic evaluation.
- **Aiding or abetting** any such offense.

Further information about the range of scholastic offenses can be obtained from the 2008 UWO Calendar (p. 38) or at <http://www.westerncalendar.uwo.ca/2008/pg136.html>.

1. Please consult the Undergraduate bulletin board, beside Talbot College Room 316 for the departmental directory, instructors' office hours, course listings, examination schedules, important dates for the 2008-2009 academic year, and miscellaneous items of interest to undergraduate students. Also consult the Department web site at <http://www.uwo.ca/philosophy>.
2. Instructors and tutorial leaders make their own appointments. Information about how to contact your instructor can be found on your course outline. Students wanting to contact their instructors or tutorial leaders at other times may leave a note in the drop-off box.
3. Students should submit course work directly to their instructor or tutorial leader during class or office hours. When this is not possible, work may be placed in the Philosophy Department drop-off box across from TC 316. Items will be date-stamped (not time-stamped) and placed in the instructors' or tutorial leaders' mailboxes three times daily -- at approximately 8:30 a.m., 12:15 p.m., and 4:15 p.m. Work received after 4:15 p.m. will be date-stamped for the following day. Work slid underneath instructors' office doors may be lost. Essays sent by fax cannot be accepted. Essays may be submitted by email with the prior consent of the instructor and should be sent to the instructor's email address.
4. Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department.

Academic Policies on examinations, appeals, absences due to illness, etc. may be found in the 2008 Calendar, p.41, Student Academic Responsibilities p. 33-41. For further information, contact the Philosophy Undergraduate Academic Counsellor Professor D. Klimchuk, TC 416, 661-2111 ext. 85758, your Faculty's Academic Counselor, or the Ombudsperson.

5. Students who miss classes or parts of classes are responsible for the material they have missed. Instructors are not obliged to review the contents of lectures, repeat announcements or retain notes, handouts or overheads.
Any student who, in the opinion of the instructor, is absent too frequently from class or tutorials may be reported to the Dean and, with the recommendation of the Department concerned, and the permission of the Dean, debarred from taking the final examination in the course. See 2008 Calendar, p. 33.
6. **All course work** (with the exception of final examinations) must be submitted *by the last day of classes*, December 3, 2008. (Students seeking return of course work after the last meeting of the term should leave a stamped, self-addressed envelope for their instructor.) Exceptions to these work submission dates may be granted only as a result of petition to the Academic Counsellor of the student's faculty. Instructors have *no authority* to waive this requirement, and any unofficial arrangements they make with

students will not be respected by the administration. This does not preclude instructors from setting earlier deadlines for course work.

7. The Department of Philosophy's Committee on Women's Concerns was formed to promote and ensure a non-sexist environment for all who work and study in the department. Further information, including a broader statement of the Committee's mandate is provided on the CWC poster on the undergraduate bulletin board. Students are encouraged to consult and implement the departmental guidelines for the non-sexist use of language posted on the undergraduate bulletin board.
8. **Final marks** for courses can be obtained from your Student Center (<http://student.uwo.ca>). Consult your master timetable for information on how to do this.