Please refer to the image for the text.
Assignments and Grading Policies:

In order to pass the course you must attend the discussion sections and complete all of the written work.

There will be five short (around 1200 word) papers on assigned questions, due on Friday September 22, Friday October 6, Friday October 20, Friday November 10, and Friday December 1. A final paper of about 2500 words will be due on Friday December 15. Topics for the final paper will be suggested. Papers must be turned into the course website by 5:00 p.m. on the day they are due, in .doc or .docx format. Extensions on the midterm papers must be requested before the date on which the paper is due. Work that is late without an extension or beyond an extension will be discounted at the rate of one-third of a grade per day (A to A-, A- to B+, and so forth). No extensions will be granted on the final paper. If your paper receives a grade of B- or below for reasons other than lateness you may rewrite it for a higher grade under the guidance of your section leader.

The short papers taken collectively will count for approximately 40% of your grade, the longer paper for approximately 35%, and participation in section discussions approximately 25%. However, an especially good performance in any of these categories or marked improvement over the course of the term will count in your favor.

Topics, Reading Assignments, and Recommended Readings:

Please do the reading before the meetings at which it will be discussed. Please note that the schedule is approximate and tentative.

This course is scheduled for MWF. In fact we will have four Friday meetings, on September 1, September 8, October 13, and October 20. We will meet on additional Fridays if we fall behind or a class has to be cancelled.

Introduction: W 8/30

1: The Project of the *Groundwork* and the Argument of *Groundwork I*

Meetings: F Sept. 1, W Sept. 6, F Sept. 8, M Sept. 11, W Sept. 13, M Sept. 18

Readings:
*Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Preface and First Section, 43-60 (4:387-405)
Korsgaard, Introduction to the *Groundwork*, vii-xv
Korsgaard, “Kant’s Analysis of Obligation: The Argument of *Groundwork I*”
Korsgaard, Sections I and III of “From Duty and for the Sake of the Noble: Kant and Aristotle on Morally Good Action.”

2. Maxims and Imperatives

Meetings: W Sept. 20, M Sept. 25, W Sept. 27

Readings:
Groundwork, Second Section, 61-73 (4:406-420)
Critique of Practical Reason, Analytic, Chapter I, 153-160 (5:1Sept. 26)
Korsgaard, Introduction to the Groundwork, xv-xvii

Recommended: Korsgaard, Section 3 of “The Normativity of Instrumental Reason” and Section 1.2 of “The Myth of Egoism.”

*** First paper due Friday, September 22 ***

3. The Formula of Universal Law


Readings:
Groundwork, Second Section, 72-77 (4:420-425)
Critique of Practical Reason, Analytic, Chapter I, 160-166 (5:27-33); Chapter II, 194-198(5:67-72)
Korsgaard, Introduction to the Groundwork, xvii-xxi
Korsgaard, “Kant's Formula of Universal Law”

Recommended: Rawls, Kant Lecture II “The Categorical Imperative: The First Formulation.”

*** Second paper due Friday, October 6 ***

4. Moral Psychology

Meetings: W Oct. 18, F Oct. 20

Readings:
Groundwork, Second Section, 76-79 (4:425-428)
Religion Within the Boundaries of Mere Reason, Part I, 45-73 (6:1Sept. 53).

Reath, “Kant’s Theory of Moral Sensibility: Respect for the Moral Law and the Influence of Inclination”
*** Third Paper Due Friday, October 20 ***

5. The Formula of Humanity, Kant’s Theory of Value, and Autonomy


Readings:
Groundwork, Second Section, 78-93 (4:427-445)
Critique of Practical Reason, Analytic, Chapter II, 186-194 (5:57-68)
“Conjectures on the Beginning of Human History,” on the course website.
The Metaphysics of Morals, 543-588 (6:417-474)
Korsgaard, Introduction to the Groundwork, xxi-xxiii
Korsgaard, “Kant’s Formula of Humanity,” “The Right to Lie: Kant on Dealing with Evil”


6. The Foundation of Morality

Meetings: W Nov. 8, M Nov. 13, W Nov. 15, M Nov. 20; (Thanksgiving Recess November 22-26), M Nov. 27, W Nov. 29

Readings:
Groundwork, Third Section, 94-108 (4:446-463)
Critique of Practical Reason, Preface & Introduction, 13Sept. 149 (5:3-16); Analytic, Chapter I, 156-186 (5:33-58)
Korsgaard, Introduction to the Groundwork, xiii-xxx
Recommended: Rawls, Kant Lecture VIII “The Moral Law as the Law of Freedom.”

*** Fourth Paper Due Friday November 10 ***

*** Fifth Paper Due Friday, December 1 ***

Final Paper Due Friday December 15