I. Instructor

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II. Required Books


III. Recommended Book


IV. Written Assignments

i) *Seminar Presentation*. Every enrolled student is required to present at least one paper to the seminar. Depending on class size, enrolled students may be invited to present more than one paper, or auditors may be invited to do presentations. The paper should be 20-30 minutes in presentation time. The text of the paper must be turned in to me by 5:00 on the Tuesday before the seminar at which it is to be presented, and an outline or handout must be prepared for distribution to all participants at the seminar at which at which it will be presented. Discussion will follow.

ii) *Weekly two-page papers*. Every enrolled student is required to hand in two pages of writing each week, except the weeks in which they present papers. These short papers will be due by 5:00 each Tuesday, and must deal with the readings for the seminar on Wednesday. Apart from that requirement, the topic is entirely up to you: you may summarize the material, give a reading of a difficult passage, criticize one of Kant’s arguments, defend it against a possible criticism -- as long as it concerns the reading for the week in question. These papers will not be graded, but you must turn them in order to pass the course.

iii) *Seminar Paper*. A seminar paper of 15-20 pages is due on Friday, January 11. It may be, but does not have to be, an expanded version of your seminar presentation.
V. Schedule of Topics and Readings

9/12  Introduction

Kant’s Theory of Moral Religion

9/19  Proofs of the Existence of God in General: The Cosmological and Ontological Proofs
      Recommended:
      Lectures on The Philosophical Doctrine of Religion (in Religion and Rational Theology)
      Introduction and First Part, First and Second Sections pp. 341-398 [28:993-1062]
      Hume, Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion, Part IX, pp. 54-57

9/26  The Argument from Design, or Physico-Theological Proof
      Critique of Pure Reason, The Ideal of Pure Reason, continued, especially pp. 518-531
      [A620/B648-A642-B670]
      Hume, Dialogues Concerning Natural Religion, Parts II-XI, pp. 13-76
      Recommended: Lectures on the Philosophical Doctrine of Religion, First Part, Third Section,
      pp. 398-405 [28:1063-1071]

10/3  Moral Faith: The First Critique Version
      “On the common saying: ‘That may be correct in theory, but it is of no use in practice’”
      Introduction and Section I, “On the Relation of Theory to Practice in Morals
      Generally” (in Practical Philosophy), pp. 279-290 [8:275-289]
      Recommended: Lectures on the Philosophical Doctrine of Religion, 2nd Part, Sections One and
      Two, pp. 406-421 [28:1071-1091]

10/10 Moral Faith: The Second Critique Version, The Antinomy
       Religion Within the Boundaries of Mere Reason (in Religion and Rational Theology), pp. 57-60
       [6:3-7]
       Recommended Lectures on the Philosophical Doctrine of Religion, Appendix, pp. 447-451
       [28:1122-1126]

10/17  Moral Faith: The Second Critique Version, continued, God and Immortality
       Critique of Practical Reason, The Dialectic, continued
       Religion Within the Boundaries of Mere Reason, pp. 79-103 [6:32-60]; 108-117 [6:65-78]
       “The End of All Things” (in Religion and Rational Theology), pp. 221-231 [8:327-339]


Kant’s Theory of the Political State

10/31  The Nature of Right and Justice
       Preface and Introduction to The Metaphysics of Morals (in Practical Philosophy), pp. 365-385
The Doctrine of Right, “Private Right,” Chapter One, pp. 401-411 [6:245-257]

**The Rights of Individuals**

*The Doctrine of Right*, “Private Right,” Chapters Two and Three, pp. 411-452 [6:258-308]
Recommended:
Selections from the *Lectures on Ethics* on Friendship, Marriage, and Sexuality.

**The Rights of States**

“On the Common Saying: ‘That may be correct in theory but it is of no use in practice.’”
Section II, “On the Relation of Theory to Practice in The Right of a State,”
pp. 290-304 [8:289-306]
Recommended:
Selections from the *Lectures on Ethics* on punishment:

**Kant’s Theory of History and World Peace**

**World Peace and Political Faith**

“Toward Perpetual Peace,” (in *Practical Philosophy*) pp. 317-351 [8:343-351]

**Prospects for the Future**

“On the Common Saying: ‘This may be correct in theory but it is of no use in practice.’”
Section III, “On the Relation of Theory to Practice in The Right of Nations etc.,”
pp. 304-309 [8:307-312]

“Idea for a Universal History with a Cosmopolitan Purpose” [8:17-31]
(On Reserve in Robbins.)

12/12  The Same Continued

1/11  Final Paper Due