

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

**Philosophy 2202G: Early Modern Philosophy**

Winter 2017/18

Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:30 -1:30

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**DESCRIPTION**

In this course, we will survey the key figures and texts of the early Modern period. We will consider issues in metaphysics (the nature of substance, accounts of causality), epistemology (the challenge of skepticism, whether any ideas are innate), natural theology (proofs of God's existence), and the philosophy of mind (the nature and extent of consciousness, the relation of mind to body).

**TEXT**

*Modern Philosophy: An Anthology of Primary Sources* (Hackett, Watkins and Ariew, eds)

**OBJECTIVES**

Students completing this course successfully will:

- (1) be familiar with many of the principal themes and arguments of the philosophers of the early Modern period
- (2) have demonstrated an ability to comprehend and reflect upon complex philosophical arguments,
- (3) be able to write a longer argumentative paper exhibiting advanced researching and critical skills.

**REQUIREMENTS**

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>Value</i>
Quizzes	30% (15% x 2)
Argumentative Paper	25%
Final	35%
Attendance/Participation	10%

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