

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2018-19
3170F: Topics in the History of Ethics: Kant's *Groundwork*

Fall Term 2018

Day and Time T 11:30-1:30 Th 11:30-12:30

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DESCRIPTION

This course will provide a detailed investigation of the context, arguments, significance, and influence of Kant's most famous text in ethics, the *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*.

TEXTS

Required

Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals*, ed. and trans. M Gregor (Cambridge UP, 1997)

Not required, but helpful

Allison, Henry E., *Kant's Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals: A Commentary* (Oxford UP, 2011)

(Other texts will be made available through the course webpage or in class)

OBJECTIVES

Students completing this course successfully will (1) be intimately familiar with one of the most important texts in the history of ethics, (2) have demonstrated an ability to comprehend complex philosophical arguments and reflect critically upon them, and (3) be able to write concise argumentative papers exhibiting research competence.

REQUIREMENTS

<i>Assignment</i>	<i>% of Final Grade</i>
Short Exp. Papers	48% (= 8 x 6%)
Long Arg. Paper	42% (= 3%/6%/33%)
Participation	10%

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