PHIL2050
History of Western Philosophy II 西方哲學史（二）

Course Outline

Time: T 2:30pm-5:15pm	**Location: LSK 302**

Course overview (as shown on CUSIS)

The course introduces students to the history of modern Western philosophy. Topics include: philosophical backgrounds and movements leading to modern philosophy, the confrontation between rationalism and empiricism, Kant's critical philosophy, Hegel's idealism, and other 19th-century philosophical developments.

Advisory to Majors: to be taken in year 2.

Learning outcomes (as shown on CUSIS)

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Topics

- Descartes and rationalism
- Empiricism and Hume
- Kant

Learning activities

Lecture, in-class discussion and activities, in-class examinations

Assessment scheme as prescribed on CUSIS (revise if necessary)

Task nature	***Description***	***Weight***
Examinations (2)		85%
Participation		15%

Remarks on Assessment Scheme (if any)

Examinations will be in-class, closed-book

Grade Descriptor

Please refer to: http://phil.arts.cuhk.edu.hk/~phidept/UG/Grade_descriptors.pdf

Recommended learning resources

Available in Blackboard

Course schedule

Week	***Topics***	***Required reading***
1	Introduction	
2	Descartes' *Meditations*	Front Matter, Meditations 1 & 2
3		Meditations 3 & 4
4		Meditations 5 & 6
5	Responses to Descartes	Descartes-Elizabeth correspondence
6		Idealist and materialist responses
7	**Midterm Exam**	
8	Hume's *Inquiry*	Sections I, II, III, IV
9		Sections V, VII
10		Sections VIII, IX
11	Kant's *Prolegomena*	Preamble and Part I
12		Part II
13		Part III and Conclusion
Exam period	**Final Exam**	

Details of course website

All course details and materials will be available on the Blackboard course website.

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