

British Empiricism

PHIL 2640 – Winter 2021

Class Time: Zoom lectures and discussion MWF at 10:30

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This course is concerned with the contribution of Locke, Berkeley and Hume to metaphysics, epistemology and ethics.

Work for the course: Two tests, 30% & 20%, one essay worth 50%. Nature and dates TBA

Text: The Empiricists, Anchor Books Random House

Penalties for Plagiarism: The common penalty in Arts for plagiarism in a written assignment, test, or examination is F on the paper and F for the course. For the most serious acts of plagiarism, such as the purchase of an essay or cheating on a test or examination, the penalty can also include suspension for a period of up to five years from registration in courses taught in a particular department in Arts or from all courses taught in this Faculty. The faculty also reserves the right to submit student work that is suspected of being plagiarized to Internet sites designed to detect plagiarism.

Other Information:

1. U of M Students Rights and Responsibilities

- To practice personal and academic integrity;
- To respect the dignity and individuality of all persons;
- To respect the rights and property of others;
- To take responsibility for one's own personal and academic commitments;
- To contribute to our community for fair, cooperative and honest inquiry and learning;
- To respect and strive to learn from differences in people, ideas and opinions;
- To refrain from and discourage behaviours which threaten the freedom and respect that others deserve.

2. Diversity/Equity Services If you are experiencing difficulties with your studies or assignments, or have a disability or illness which may affect your course of study, you should discuss these issues with your instructor and/or one of the following Student Affairs offices as soon as possible:

- Disability Services, 155 University Centre, Ph: 474-6213 (voice), 474-9690 (TTY)
- Student Counselling and Career Centre, 474 University Centre, Ph: 474-8592
- Learning Assistance Centre, 520 University Centre, Ph: 474-9251

Grades: In this course (though not necessarily in any other course in the Department of Philosophy) the following equivalence between letter grades and percentages is used:

A+: 90-100 A: 80-89 B+: 75-79 B: 67-74

C+: 60-66 C: 50-59 D: 45-49 F: 0-45

Please Note: The last day for voluntary withdrawal from second term courses is **March 31, 2021**. Also, the Winter term break (no classes) is from February 16 to 19, 2021.