

PHIL 1170 History of Modern Philosophy

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This course is an introduction to a few central themes in philosophy in the 17th and 18th centuries, and to some of the crucial thinkers who addressed those themes. Specific figures we will cover are still TBD, but will be drawn from the following: Descartes, Cavendish, Spinoza, Suchon, Newton, Leibniz, Amo, Hume, Rousseau, Kant. Topics to be covered may include, among others, the relation between mind and reality, the existence and role of God, the nature of freedom, the self, and society, and the connection between philosophy and science.

Course requirements (provisional):

- Three essays
- In-class participation (including discussion section participation)
- TBA: possible additional course element such as in-class presentations, peer review, quizzes/exam