Phil. 306 F01 *The Rationalists* Spring Semester, 2023

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The purpose of this course is to acquaint the student with the works of intellectually important and representative philosophers of the 17th century. Their works will be set in historical perspective, and lines of influence will be explored. An attempt will be made to relate their speculations to contemporary philosophical issues.

Texts:

- Descartes,	: Veitch transl. (available at	
http://www.wrig	ht.edu/cola/descartes/mede.html)	
- optiona	l, transl. Cottingham, available at	
https://w	ww.marxists.org/reference/archive/descartes/1639/meditations.htm	
- Ariew	R.	(Hackett:
Indianapo	blis, 2000) ISBN 0-87022-502-9	
- Malebranche,	available on-line at	
http://ww	w.earlymoderntexts.com/assets/pdfs/malebranche1688.pdf	
- Spinoza,	: - Elwes translation, available at at	

students to acquaint themselves and significant others with this fact so that vacations, family reunions, weddings etc. can be planned accordingly. The mid-term examination will be returned as soon as it is graded. Final examinations are the property of the University and will not be returned. They are available for viewing at the Records Office at a time designated by the University. Term papers will be available from the instructor one week after they have been handed in.

Inappropriate behaviour and contraventions of academic integrity

Inappropriate behaviour and violations of standards of academic integrity as defined in the University Calendar will be dealt with in accordance with University Regulations. Please note the following link which give detailed information about university policies in this regard: <u>https://www.uvic.ca/registrar/students/policies/index.php</u>

Important dates

- mid-term examination: t.b.a.
- term paper: t.b.a.
- final examination: scheduled by the University

Grading:

Marks will be assigned on a letter basis and may be converted to a percentile grade as follows: F=0-49; D=50-59; C=60-64; C+=65-69; B==70-72; B=73-76; B+=77-79; A

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Midterm Examination: app. Feb.

III.. Leibniz

A.

B.

IV. Spinoza

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В.

Since class participation is encouraged, and every effort will be made to relate the philosophical problems that were addressed by the various philosophers to be studied in this course to issues dealt with by contemporary thinkers, it is impossible at this time to give a precise time-table for lectures in the course.