



FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 609 Lec 60 – Topics in the History of Philosophy  
Topic #8: “Hume”**

**Summer Term 2012**

**The class meets TR 12:00-2:45 pm July 3-August 16 in SB 144. In addition, attendance is required at the International Hume Society Conference in Calgary, July 18-22. We will also meet an additional hour per week to be determined.**

**Course Outline**

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Hume describes himself in his *Treatise on Human Nature* as aiming to develop a “science of man” using an experimental method. Just as Newton developed an experimental science of the natural world, Hume aims to develop an experimental account of the human mind in the model of Newton, employing a minimal ontology and a small number of associative principles. In this course we will look at how Hume’s account of the mind is deployed in his discussions on causation, external existence, personal identity, free will and necessity and religious belief. We may also look briefly at some of his writing on the passions and on virtue.

The primary texts will be the *Treatise on Human Nature* and *The Natural History of Religion*. These will be supplemented by secondary readings from journals.

**Texts:**

*A Treatise of Human Nature*, avid Fate Norton and Mary J. Norton, eds. Oxford University Press 2000

*The Natural History of Religion*

[http://oll.libertyfund.org/?option=com\\_staticxt&staticfile=show.php%3Ftitle=340&Itemid=27](http://oll.libertyfund.org/?option=com_staticxt&staticfile=show.php%3Ftitle=340&Itemid=27)

Terrence Penelhum, *Themes in Hume: The Self, the Will, Religion*, Clarendon Press, 2000

These will be supplemented by journal articles all of which will be available electronically from the library.

**Course requirements:**

Term paper (3-4000 words) due August 20.

Late assignments require approval of the instructor. Without approval they will be penalized 10% per day.

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- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

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