

Modern and Contemporary Reading List

Modern

Descartes

Meditations

Discourse on Method

Spinoza

Ethics (Book 1)

Leibniz

Discourse on Metaphysics

Monadology

Hobbes

Leviathan

Part 1, Chapters 1-6, 8, 12-15

Part 2, Chapters 17-21, 31

Locke

Second Treatise of Government

Chapters 2, 3, 5, 7-10, and 19: paragraphs 211-226 and 240-242

An Essay Concerning Human Understanding (recommend: Nidditch edition, OUP;
Fraser still ok)

Epistle to the Reader

Book I

Book II, Chapters 1-14, 21-27

Berkeley

Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous

Hume

An Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding

An Enquiry Concerning the Principles of Morals

Reid

An Inquiry into the Human Mind on the Principles of Common Sense
(Brookes edition, Penn State UP is recommended)

Dedication

Books I-VII, except for Book VI, Sections 10-19

The Hume-Reid exchange (in the Brookes ed.)

Rousseau

The Social Contract

Book One

Book Two: Chapters 1-7 and 11.

Book Three: Chapters 1-6, 9-10, and 12-18.

Book Four: Chapters 1-2, and 5-9

Kant

Critique of Pure Reason (recommended: Guyer and Wood edition, CUP; Kemp Smith ok; page numbers for Guyer and Wood)

Dedication, Preface, and Introduction to first and second editions (95-152)

I. Transcendental Doctrine of the Elements

First Part: Transcendental Aesthetic (172-192)

Second Part: Transcendental Logic

Division I: Transcendental Analytic (193-371)

Division II: Transcendental Dialectic

Introduction (384)

Book II: The Dialectical Inferences of Pure Reason

Chapter I: Paralogisms of Pure Reason (409-445)

Chapter II: The Antinomy of Pure Reason

Section II: The Antithetic of Pure Reason (467-495)

Section IV: Transcendental Idealism as the key to solving the cosmological dialectic (511-514)

Chapter III: The Ideal of Pure Reason (551-589)

Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals

Contemporary

Hegel

Phenomenology of Spirit (page numbers from Findlay edition)

Preface (1-45)

Introduction (47-57)

A. Consciousness (58-103)

- B. Self-consciousness (104-138)
- C. (CC.) Religion (410-478)
- D. (DD.) Absolute Knowing (479-494)

Kierkegaard

Philosophical Fragments

Fear and Trembling (Cambridge U. Press edition recommended)

Marx

Theses on Feuerbach

The German Ideology (Part I through section C on “Communism”)

Mill

On Liberty

Utilitarianism

Nietzsche

On the Genealogy of Morals

James

“What Pragmatism Means” and “Pragmatism’s Conception of Truth” (from *Pragmatism*)

Dewey

The Quest for Certainty (Chapters 1-6, pp. 1-169 in Capricorn paperback)

Russell

“Logical Atomism” in A.J. Ayer (ed) *Logical Positivism* (New York: Free Press, 1959), 31-50.

Wittgenstein

Tractatus Logico Philosophicus (new edition)

Philosophical Investigations (3rd edition)

Ayer

Language, Truth and Logic (2nd edition)

Husserl

Cartesian Meditations

Heidegger

“Introduction” to *Being & Time*, 41-87.