Syllabus
Philosophy in the 17th Century **(PHIL 314 001)**
Winter 2017, Term 1

Lectures
Mon, Wed, Fri: 13:00-14:00 in Chemistry, Room C 126.

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Course description
The course offers a survey of 17th-century philosophy, with a focus on key writings of Descartes, Spinoza, and Leibniz. The historical context of 17th century philosophy, including the religious and scientific context, will be taken into account.

Required text
Modern Philosophy: An Anthology of Primary Sources (Second Edition), edited by Roger Ariew and Eric Watkins (Indianapolis: Hackett, 2009).

Course requirements
There will be two take-home assignments (each worth 20% of the final grade), one in-class exam (worth 20% of the final grade), and a final exam (worth 40% of the final grade).

The take-home assignments will be announced on the course webpage on Sept 29 and Nov 17, and are each to be handed in in class a week later. In each assignment you will be asked to write a 3-4 page text in response to one or more questions. Late assignments will be docked by 3 grade points per Calendar day; missed assignments will be assigned a grade point of 0.

The in-class exam will be on Oct 27. In the exam you will be asked to provide answers to a few questions dealing with matters brought up in class prior to the date of the exam. Missed in-class exams will be assigned a grade point of 0.

The final exam will be held in December during UBC's final examinations period. Information about the exact date, time and location will be announced in due course. A missed final exam will be assigned a grade point of 0 unless an explanation is provided that is acceptable by the standards of the UBC Academic Calendar (in which case there will be opportunity for a make-up exam).

Marking scale

90-100%: A+	76-79%: B+	64-67%: C+	50-54%: D
85-89%: A	72-75%: B	60-63%: C	0-49%: F
80-84%: A-	68-71%: B-	55-59%: C-	

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Tentative schedule with reading assignments

	Readings
SEPT 6-15: THE HISTORICAL SETTING (*c.* 1500-1650)	
The Western European religious situation	
The universities and their critics	16-20
The revival of scepticism	4-15
The beginnings of the scientific revolution	21-24
SEPT 11 - OCT 6: DESCARTES	
Discourse on the Method	25-34
Meditations on First Philosophy	35-68
Sept 29: Writing assignment #1 posted on Connect (due in class on Oct 6)	
OCT 11-27: SPINOZA	
Spinoza's *Tractatus*	
The *Ethics:* Propositions 1-15	144-164
Objections from Bayle	Excerpts on Connect
Oct 27: In-class exam	
OCT 30 - NOV 24: LEIBNIZ	
Discourse on Metaphysics	224-247
Theodicy	
Monadology	275-283
Nov 17: Writing assignment #2 posted on Connect (due in class on Nov 24)	
NOV 27 - DEC 1: TBA	
December: Final exam (exact date and location TBA)	