

PHL 434

## **Hobbes I**

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Hours: Monday 1:00-2:30pm; Wednesday 11:00am-12:00pm;  
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### Course Description

This course is an investigation into what might be called Hobbes' metaphysics and epistemology. We will spend the entire quarter on a careful reading of sections of the first section of Hobbes' *Elements of Philosophy, De Corpore* (On Body). We will be particularly interested in issues of causation, matter, motion, and the relationship between Hobbes' method and the materialist position he espouses in that text. We will be using the translation of the text available in the bookstore and also at <https://archive.org/details/englishworkstho21hobbgoog>.

### Course Requirements

Each student will be required to give a presentation in class on the material scheduled for that day. The student will write a report (5-7pp) and submit it to me the Friday before the day it is to be presented. I will then circulate it to the seminar. The student will then be given time at the beginning of class to raise other issues, comment on the report, retract portions, etc. The idea is to have something with which to begin our discussion of the text.

In addition, each student will be required to write a research paper (12pp). For students continuing on in the Stream, a slightly longer paper may be written in Peg's course and counted for both if it covers topics from both courses in the Stream. Students should see me to talk about topics, procedures, etc.

Date	Reading	Presentation
9/12	Dedicatory Epistle; Epistle to the Reader; Ch. 1	Rick
9/19	Chs. 2, 3	
9/26	Ch. 5	
10/03	Ch. 6	
10/10	Chs. 7, 8	
10/17	Chs. 9, 10, 11	
10/24	Chs. 12, 15, 22	
10/31	Ch. 25,	
11/7	Chs. 26, 27	
11/14	Chs. 29, 30	