

Early Modern Comps List

Prolegomenon

The following are suggested primary texts for various comps topics in early modern philosophy. They provide a rough guide for any graduate intending to take a major or a minor in early modern philosophy. For any particular topic, exact readings should be determined in consultation with at least one faculty member expert in early modern philosophy. The final list will include some secondary literature, according to the interest of the graduate.

Early Modern Metaphysics and Epistemology Minor:

Descartes, *Meditations*

Locke, *Essay* [Book 1 chapters 1-2, 4; Book 2 chapters 1-13, 18-19, 21-27, 31-32, Book 3 all, Book 4 1-17, 20-21]

Berkeley, *Principles* [Introduction and Part I]

Hume, *Treatise* [Book I: Parts I, III, and IV]

Kant, *Prolegomena*

Early Modern Metaphysics and Epistemology Major, Kant emphasis:

All of the minor plus:

Kant, *First Critique*

Early Modern Metaphysics and Epistemology Major, Empiricism emphasis:

Descartes, *Meditations*

Locke, *Essay* [all]

Berkeley, *Principles* [all] and *Dialogues* [all]

Hume, *Treatise* [Books 1 and 2], *Enquiry concerning human understanding*

Early Modern Metaphysics and Epistemology Major, Rationalism emphasis:

All of the minor plus:

Leibniz (all from Leibniz's Philosophical Essays, trans. and ed. by Ariew and Garber (hereafter AG))

Discourse on Metaphysics and Excerpts from Correspondence with Arnauld (AG Selections 8 & 9, pp. 35-89.)

Meditations on Knowledge, Truth, and Ideas, On Contingency, and Primary Truths (AG Sel. 5, 6, & 7, pp. 23-34.)

New System of Nature, (AG Sel. 17, pp. 138-44.)

Principles of Nature and of Grace, (AG Sel. 28, pp 206-212)

Monadology, (AG Sel. 29, pp. 213-24.)

Excerpts from Correspondence with DeVolder, (AG Sel. 23, pp. 171-85.)

Preface to the New Essays, (AG Sel. III.C.4, pp. 291-305.)

Spinoza, *Ethics* [Books 1 and 2, selections from 3-5]

Descartes, *Discourse*, selections from *Principles, Objections and Replies*

Early Modern Ethics Minor:

Hobbes, *Leviathan* [chapters 6 to 21]

Hume, *Treatise* Book III

Clarke *A Discourse of Natural Religion*, all the excerpts in Raphael's *British Moralists* (34 pages)

Balguy, *Foundation of Moral Goodness*, excerpts in Raphael collection (19 pages)

Hutcheson *Illustrations on the Moral Sense*

Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*

Early Modern Ethics Major, Kant emphasis:

All of the minor plus:

Kant, *2nd Critique*

Kant, *Metaphysics of Morals*

Early Modern Ethics Major, British Moralists emphasis:

All of the minor plus:

Cudworth, *Treatise concerning Eternal and Immutable Morality*, Book I and Book IV

Shaftesbury, *Inquiry concerning Virtue*, Book I

Butler, *Five Sermons*

Hume, *Enquiry concerning the principles of morals*