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19TH CENTURY PHILOSOPHY (PHIL 3005A)

Fall Term, 2013

Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:05-11:25 a.m.

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Description & Objective

The primary focus of this course will be on two broad developments in philosophy during the 19th century: post-Kantian idealism and reaction to it. Various metaphysical, epistemological, and axiological topics will be considered under these headings, including the nature of reason, self, and freedom, the possibility of non-empirical knowledge, and the relationship between moral and other sorts of value.

The main objective of the course is to advance your philosophical understanding of the topics considered by making use of the conceptual lenses provided by the 19th century philosophers we will discuss. You should thus be prepared to do some philosophy for yourself in this course, not merely to memorize and regurgitate historical facts about what these figures said and how they lived.

Text, Readings & Lecture Schemata

All readings, listed below in the order we will consider them (see Calendar section), come from the following text, which is available at the Carleton University Bookstore:

Baird, F. & W. Kaufmann (Eds.). (2003). *Nineteenth-century philosophy (Philosophy classics, volume IV)*, 3rd ed. Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall.

Your instructor will periodically post lecture schemata on cuLearn, to help ensure that you understand the core concepts of the lectures on assigned readings. These schemata will indicate the relevant core concepts, while leaving blank the details of the lecture discussions of them.

Simply reading the lecture schemata and text will be a poor substitute for reading them in the light of the lecture discussions. *Nota bene:* You therefore cannot expect to do well in this course if you fail regularly to attend class.

Evaluation

Short essay (30% of overall grade). You will be required to write a short essay (approximately 4-5 pages, or 1,200-1,500 words in length) on an assigned topic. The short essay will be due in class, in hard copy form, on October 17. Topics for the short essay will be distributed at the beginning of the previous week.

In-class test (30% of overall grade). On November 21 there will be an in-class test, designed to gauge your knowledge of the course content up to that point. The test will consist largely of short-answer and multiple-choice questions about the lectures and readings.

Final essay (40% of overall grade). In lieu of sitting a formally scheduled final examination, you will also be expected to write a final essay (approximately ten pages, or 3,000 words in length) on an assigned topic. Topics for the final essay will be distributed in the last day of classes. The essay will be due on the final day of the fall term's examination period, December 22.

Calendar

Post-Kantian Idealism

Sept. 5	Introduction & review of Kant	
Sept. 10 & 12	Fichte	"On the Foundation of Our Belief in a Divine Government of the Universe" From <i>The vocation of man</i>
Sept. 17 & 19	Hegel	"Independence and Dependence of Self-consciousness" (from <i>The Phenomenology of Spirit</i>) From <i>The Encyclopedia of the Philosophical Sciences in Outline</i>
Sept. 24 & 26	Hegel	"Three Methods of Writing History" & "Reason as the Basis of History" (from <i>Reason in History: A General Introduction to the Philosophy of History</i>)
Oct. 1 & 3	Hegel	"The Idea of History and Its Realization" (from <i>Reason in History</i>) "The Final Result" (from <i>Lectures on the History of Philosophy</i>)

Reactions to Post-Kantian Idealism

Oct. 8 & 10	Schopenhauer	Overview
Oct. 15 & 17	Schopenhauer	"On the Primacy of the Will in Self-consciousness" (from <i>The World as Will and Representation</i>) Short essay due (Oct. 17)
Oct. 22 & 24	Kierkegaard	"Is There a Teleological Suspension of the Ethical?" (from <i>Fear and Trembling</i>) "Possible and Actual Theses by Lessing" (from <i>Concluding Unscientific Postscript</i>)
Oct. 28-Nov. 1		Fall break
Nov. 5 & 7	Kierkegaard	"Subjective Truth, Inwardness; Truth is Subjectivity" (from <i>Concluding Unscientific Postscript</i>)
Nov. 12 & 14	Nietzsche	From <i>The Birth of Tragedy</i>
Nov. 19 & 21	Nietzsche	From <i>On the Genealogy of Morality</i> In-class test (Nov. 21)
Nov. 26 & 28	Nietzsche	From <i>Thus Spoke Zarathustra</i>
Dec. 5	Nietzsche	From <i>Twilight of the Idols</i>
Dec. 11-22		Examination period Final essay due (Dec. 22)

*Department of Philosophy and University Policies**Assignments*

Unless specifically told otherwise by their instructors, students:

- must not use a plastic or cardboard cover or paper clips
- must staple the paper (there is a stapler on the essay box)
- must include the following in the lower right corner of the cover sheet:
 - student name
 - student number
 - course number and section
 - instructor's name

The Philosophy Department does not accept assignments by FAX. You may send them by courier, if necessary.

No assignments will be accepted after the last day for handing in term work – see dates below.

Assignments handed in through the essay box (just inside the glass doors, Paterson Hall, Floor 3A) must be dropped into the box by **4:15** on a regular business day in order to be date-stamped with that day's date. Assignments handed in after 4:15 or on a non-business day will be stamped as having been handed in on the next business day.

Students are required to keep copies of their assignments. If your paper is lost at any point, you will be considered not to have submitted it if you cannot produce a copy immediately on request.

Deferrals for Term Work

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a final assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply for a deferral of examination/assignment. For deferred examinations, you must apply within 5 working days after the scheduled date of your exam. To apply for deferral of a final assignment, you must apply within 5 working days of the last scheduled day of classes. Visit the Registrar's Office for more information.

Plagiarism

It is the responsibility of each student to understand the meaning of 'plagiarism' as defined in the Undergraduate or Graduate Calendars, and to avoid both committing plagiarism and aiding or abetting plagiarism by other students. (Undergraduate Calendar Academic Regulations, section 14.3, or www4.carleton.ca/calendars//ugrad/current/regulations/acadregsuniv14.html#14.3)

Academic Accommodation

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: www2.carleton.ca/equity/

Religious obligation: write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: www2.carleton.ca/equity/

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The **Paul Menton Centre** for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder

(ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your **Letter of Accommodation** at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*) at www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at www2.carleton.ca/equity/

Important Dates

Sept. 5	Classes start (after Orientation events).
Sept. 18	Last day for registration and course changes in Fall and Fall/Winter courses.
Sept. 30	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from Fall term or two-term courses.
Oct. 11	University Day – no undergraduate classes.
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Day – university closed.
Oct. 28–Nov. 1	Fall Break – no classes.
Nov. 25	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Dec. 9	Last day of classes, Fall term. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for Fall term courses.
Dec. 9	Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only).
Dec. 10	No classes or examinations take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
Dec. 11-22	Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses.
Dec. 22	Take-home exams are due.
Jan. 6	Winter term classes begin.
Jan. 17	Last day for registration and course changes in Winter term classes.
Jan. 31	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from winter courses or winter portion of two-term courses.
Feb. 17-21	Winter Break, classes suspended.
Mar. 25	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Apr. 8	Last day of Fall/Winter and Winter term classes. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for Fall/Winter and Winter term courses.
Apr. 8	Last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter and Winter term courses (academic purposes only).
Apr. 9-10	No classes or examinations take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
Apr. 11-26	Final Examinations. Exams will not be held Apr. 18-20.

Apr. 18 Good Friday–university closed.
Apr. 26 Take-home exams are due.

Addresses

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Student Academic Success Centre	302 Tory www.carleton.ca/sasc 520-7850
Writing Tutorial Service	4 th Floor, Library www1.carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/ 520-6632
MacOdrum Library	www.library.carleton.ca/ 520-273