

## 19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy PHIL 3005A

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### Description

The primary focus of this course will be on two broad developments in philosophy during the 19<sup>th</sup> 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. Time permitting, we will also consider some key contributions on these topics of yet another 19<sup>th</sup> century philosophical development, *viz.* pragmatism.

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 19<sup>th</sup> 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.

### Readings and text

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.

### Evaluation

*Short essays.* (2x20% = 40% of overall grade.) During the term, you will be required to write two short essays (each approximately three pages, or 900 words in length) on assigned topics. The first of these short essays will be due on January 19, the second on March 8.

*Quizzes.* (2x10% = 20% of overall grade.) On both February 9 and March 22 there will be a brief, in-class quiz to test for regular attendance and absorption of course content up to that point. The quizzes 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. The essay will be due on the final day of the fall term's examination period, April 24.

### Calendar

#### *Post-Kantian idealism*

Week 1 (Jan 5)	Introduction; review of Kant	
Week 2 (Jan 10 & 12)	Fichte	Fichte, On the foundation of our belief in a divine government of the universe; Fichte, from <i>The vocation</i>

		<i>of man</i>
Week 3 (Jan 17 & 19)	Hegel <b>First short essay due, Jan 19</b>	Hegel, Independence and dependence of self-consciousness (from <i>The phenomenology of spirit</i> ); Hegel, from <i>The encyclopedia of the philosophical sciences in outline</i>
Week 4 (Jan 24 & 26)	Hegel	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> )
Week 5 (Jan 31 & Feb 2)	Hegel	Hegel, The idea of history and its realization (from <i>Reason in history</i> ); Hegel, The final result (from <i>Lectures on the history of philosophy</i> )

### *Reactions to post-Kantian idealism*

Week 6 (Feb 7 & 9)	Schopenhauer <b>First quiz, Feb 9</b>	Schopenhauer, On the primacy of the will in self-consciousness (from <i>The world as will and representation</i> )
Week 7 (Feb 14 & 16)	Kierkegaard	Kierkegaard, Is there a teleological suspension of the ethical? (from <i>Fear and trembling</i> ); Kierkegaard, Possible and actual theses by Lessing (from <i>Concluding unscientific postscript</i> )
Week 8 (Feb 21 & 23)	<i>Winter break</i>	
Week 9 (Feb 28 & Mar 1)	Kierkegaard	Kierkegaard, Subjective truth, inwardness; truth is subjectivity (from <i>Concluding unscientific postscript</i> )
Week 10 (Mar 6 & 8)	Nietzsche <b>Second short essay due, Mar 8</b>	Nietzsche, from <i>The birth of tragedy</i>
Week 11 (Mar 13 & 15)	Nietzsche	Nietzsche, from <i>On the genealogy of morality</i>
Week 12 (Mar 20 & 22)	Nietzsche <b>Second quiz, Mar 22</b>	Nietzsche, from <i>Thus spoke Zarathustra</i> ; Nietzsche, from <i>Twilight of the idols</i>

### *Pragmatism*

Week 13 (Mar 27 & 29)	Peirce	Peirce, The fixation of belief;
Week 14 (Apr 3 & 5)	James	Peirce, How to make our ideas clear James, The will to believe; James, from <i>Pragmatism</i>
Examination period (Apr 11-24)	<b>Final essay due, Apr 24</b>	

## Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies

### *Assignments*

(Note: For this course hard-copies of all essay assignments are required.)

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 p.m. on a regular business day in order to be date-stamped with that day's date. Assignments handed in after 4:15 p.m. 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 <http://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 <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/>

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Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but are not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC, 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that instructors receive your Letters of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you only require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by the deadlines published on the PMC website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

*Important dates*

Sept 8	Classes start (after Orientation events).
Sept 21	Last day for registration and course changes in Fall term and two-term courses.
Sept 30	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from fall term or two-term courses.
Oct 7	University Day – no classes.
Oct 10	Thanksgiving Day – university closed.
Nov 21	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000 level before the Final Examination period.
Dec 5	Last day of classes, Fall term. Last day for handing in term assignments, subject to any earlier course deadline.
Dec 5	Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only).
Dec 8-21	Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses.
Jan 4	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 20	Family Day – university closed
Feb 20-24	Winter Break, classes suspended.
Mar 22	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000 level before the Final Examination period.
Apr 5	Last day of Fall/Winter and Winter term classes. Last day for handing in term assignments, subject to any earlier course deadline.
Apr 5	Last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter and Winter term courses (academic purposes only).
Apr 6	Good Friday – university closed.
Apr 11-24	Final Examinations.

*Addresses*

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Student Academic Success Centre	302 Tory <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/sasc">www.carleton.ca/sasc</a> 520-7850
Paul Menton Centre	500 University Centre <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/pmc">www.carleton.ca/pmc</a> 520-6608
Writing Tutorial Service	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Library <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/wts">www.carleton.ca/wts</a> 520-6632
MacOdrum Library	<a href="http://www.library.carleton.ca/">http://www.library.carleton.ca/</a> 520-2735