

Carleton University  
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Department of Political Science  
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**PSCI 4319B/5309W - CONCEPTS OF POLITICAL COMMUNITY II  
THE REVOLUTIONARY LONGING FOR POLITICAL WHOLENESS  
WEDNESDAYS 11:35 AM - 2:25 PM  
Please confirm location on Carleton Central**

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G.W.F. Hegel seeks in *THE PHENOMENOLOGY OF SPIRIT* to recover the Platonic account of the soul's search for transcendence so as to off-set the widespread feeling that the Modern Age of the Enlightenment and liberalism had debased the human spirit with its excessive emphasis on individual self-interest and materialism. We will consider how Hegel's attempt to synthesize Platonism with the progress of history emerged from the thought of Rousseau (who was, along with Plato, Hegel's favorite thinker), Kant and Schiller. We will then examine how Hegel's grand synthesis of history and transcendence was attacked from both the left and the right by Marx, Nietzsche and Heidegger, with the result that Hegel's moderate political progressivism was increasingly set aside in favor of ever more revolutionary expectations for the future transformation of the human condition, a Third Age of collective bliss variously evoked by Marx's proletariat, Nietzsche's Superman and Heidegger's vision of the German "community of destiny."

**REQUIREMENTS AND BASIS OF GRADING:**

- a) Students will make presentations on an equally rotating basis on the readings assigned for each class. There is no written component. The aim is to lead the seminar group through the readings and generate a collective discussion of them. Worth 50% of grade.
- b) A term paper on the textual exegesis of one or more of the assigned readings. Suggested topics will be provided. You are welcome to use your seminar presentation as a dry run for the term paper, but you are also free to write on

something else entirely. Length: 15 thesis pages double-spaced typed. No e-submissions please. Due in the Department drop box on the last day of classes, April 7. Worth 50% of grade.

**TEXTS: On order at Book Store. Hand-out.\* These texts are often available as PDFs on line, so you are free to exercise that option.**

Jean-Jacques Rousseau. BASIC POLITICAL WRITINGS.

Immanuel Kant. GROUNDWORK OF THE METAPHYSICS OF MORALS.

Friedrich Schiller. LETTERS ON THE AESTHETIC EDUCATION OF MAN.\*

G.W.F. Hegel. THE PHENOMENOLOGY OF SPIRIT.

Karl Marx. SELECTED WRITINGS.

Friedrich Nietzsche. BEYOND GOOD AND EVIL.

Martin Heidegger. AN INTRODUCTION TO METAPHYSICS.

Martin Heidegger. BASIC WRITINGS. Harper.

### **SCHEDULE OF READINGS:**

Week 1: Introductory Remarks.

Week 2. Rousseau, First and Second Discourses.

Week 3. Immanuel Kant, Groundwork, Parts 1-2; Schiller, Letters (selections).

Week 4. Hegel, Phenomenology, Preface; Introduction.

Week 5. Hegel, Phenomenology (selections).

Week 6. Hegel, Phenomenology (selections).

### **WINTER BREAK**

Week 7. Marx, "On the Jewish Question;" "Communist Manifesto."

Week 8. Nietzsche, Beyond Good and Evil, Parts 1-4.

Week 9. Nietzsche, Beyond Good and Evil, Parts 5-9.

- Week 10. Heidegger, An Introduction to Metaphysics, Parts 1-3.
- Week 11. Heidegger, An Introduction to Metaphysics, Parts 3-4; Letter on Humanism; The Question Concerning Technology.
- Week 12. Concluding Remarks.

## **Academic Accommodations**

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### **Requests for 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**

Please contact your instructor 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: [carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf](https://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf)

#### **Religious obligation**

Please contact your instructor 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: [carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf](https://carleton.ca/equity/wp-content/uploads/Student-Guide-to-Academic-Accommodation.pdf)

#### **Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities**

If you have a documented disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) at 613-520-6608 or [pmc@carleton.ca](mailto:pmc@carleton.ca) for a formal evaluation or contact your PMC coordinator to send your instructor your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term. You must also contact the PMC 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 your instructor as soon as possible to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. [carleton.ca/pmc](https://carleton.ca/pmc)

#### **Survivors of Sexual Violence**

As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and is survivors are

supported through academic accommodations as per Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy. For more information about the services available at the university and to obtain information about sexual violence and/or support, visit: [carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support](http://carleton.ca/sexual-violence-support)

### **Accommodation for Student Activities**

Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor 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. <https://carleton.ca/senate/wp-content/uploads/Accommodation-for-Student-Activities-1.pdf>

For more information on academic accommodation, please contact the departmental administrator or visit: [students.carleton.ca/course-outline](http://students.carleton.ca/course-outline)

### **Plagiarism**

The University Senate defines plagiarism as “presenting, whether intentional or not, the ideas, expression of ideas or work of others as one’s own.” This can include:

- reproducing or paraphrasing portions of someone else’s published or unpublished material, regardless of the source, and presenting these as one’s own without proper citation or reference to the original source;
- submitting a take-home examination, essay, laboratory report or other assignment written, in whole or in part, by someone else;
- using ideas or direct, verbatim quotations, or paraphrased material, concepts, or ideas without appropriate acknowledgment in any academic assignment;
- using another’s data or research findings;
- failing to acknowledge sources through the use of proper citations when using another’s works and/or failing to use quotation marks;
- handing in "substantially the same piece of work for academic credit more than once without prior written permission of the course instructor in which the submission occurs.

Plagiarism is a serious offence which cannot be resolved directly with the course’s instructor. The Associate Deans of the Faculty conduct a rigorous investigation, including an interview with the student, when an instructor suspects a piece of work has been plagiarized. Penalties are not trivial. They may include a mark of zero for the plagiarized work or a final grade of "F" for the course.

Student or professor materials created for this course (including presentations and posted notes, labs, case studies, assignments and exams) remain the intellectual property of the author(s). They

are intended for personal use and may not be reproduced or redistributed without prior written consent of the author(s).

### **Submission and Return of Term Work**

Papers must be submitted directly to the instructor according to the instructions in the course outline and will not be date-stamped in the departmental office. Late assignments may be submitted to the drop box in the corridor outside B640 Loeb. Assignments will be retrieved every business day at **4 p.m.**, stamped with that day's date, and then distributed to the instructor. For essays not returned in class please attach a **stamped, self-addressed envelope** if you wish to have your assignment returned by mail. Final exams are intended solely for the purpose of evaluation and will not be returned.

### **Grading**

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor, subject to the approval of the faculty Dean. Final standing in courses will be shown by alphabetical grades. The system of grades used, with corresponding grade points is:

Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale	Percentage	Letter grade	12-point scale
90-100	A+	12	67-69	C+	6
85-89	A	11	63-66	C	5
80-84	A-	10	60-62	C-	4
77-79	B+	9	57-59	D+	3
73-76	B	8	53-56	D	2
70-72	B-	7	50-52	D-	1

### **Approval of final grades**

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by an instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

### **Carleton E-mail Accounts**

All email communication to students from the Department of Political Science will be via official Carleton university e-mail accounts and/or cuLearn. As important course and University information is distributed this way, it is the student's responsibility to monitor their Carleton and cuLearn accounts.

### **Carleton Political Science Society**

"The Carleton Political Science Society (CPSS) has made its mission to provide a social environment for politically inclined students and faculty. By hosting social events, including Model Parliament, debates, professional development sessions and more, CPSS aims to involve all political science students at Carleton University. Our mandate is to arrange social and academic activities in order to instill a sense of belonging within the Department and the larger

University community. Members can benefit through our networking opportunities, academic engagement initiatives and numerous events which aim to complement both academic and social life at Carleton University. To find out more, visit us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/CarletonPoliticalScienceSociety/> and our website <https://carletonpss.com/>, or stop by our office in Loeb D688!"

**Official Course Outline**

The course outline posted to the Political Science website is the official course outline.