

Philosophy UN3264
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19th-Century Philosophy: HEGEL

This course examines some major themes of Hegel's philosophy, with emphasis on his social and political thought. Topics include Hegel's critique of Kant, the possibility of metaphysics, the master-slave dialectic, and the role of freedom in Hegel's account of a rational society. Readings from Kant's Third Critique will help to explain how Hegel's project develops out of Kant's transcendental idealism. Some knowledge of Kant's moral theory and his *Critique of Pure Reason* is presupposed.

Prerequisite: at least one of PHIL 2201, 2301, or 3251.

Required primary texts: Ordered at Book Culture, W. 112th St.
Hegel, G.W.F., *Phenomenology of Spirit*, A. V. Miller, trans. (Oxford) (= PhG)
_____, *Elements of the Philosophy of Right*, H.B. Nisbet, trans. (Cambridge) (= PhR)
[The translation of *The Philosophy of Right* by T.M. Knox (Oxford) is also acceptable.]
Kant, Immanuel, *Critique of Judgment*, W. S. Pluhar, trans. (Hackett) (= CJ)

Recommended secondary texts (on reserve in Butler Library):

Fichte background
*Neuhouser, Frederick, *Fichte's Theory of Subjectivity* (Cambridge), chapters 1-3 (= FTS)

Kant, Critique of Judgment

Ginsborg, Hannah, "Two Kinds of Mechanical Inexplicability in Kant & Aristotle," *Journal of the History of Philosophy*, 42.1 (2004) (<http://philosophy.berkeley.edu/people/page/23>)
Guyer, Paul, *Kant's System of Nature and Freedom* (Oxford) (E-book in CU library)
Kreines, James, "The Inexplicability of Kant's *Naturzweck*," *Archiv für Geschichte der Phil.* 87:3 '05

Hegel (General)

Taylor, Charles, *Hegel* (Cambridge)
*Beiser, F. C., ed., *Cambr. Companion to H. & 19th C. Phil.* (Cambr.), 2nd ed. (2008) (E-book in CU library)
*Beiser, F., C., ed., *Cambridge Companion to Hegel* (Cambridge), 1st ed. (2008) (E-book in CU library)
*Bowman, Brady, *Hegel & the Metaphysics of Abs. Negativity* (Cambridge), chs 1-3 (E-book in CU library)
*Plant, Raymond, *Hegel: An Introduction* (Oxford)

Hegel (Phenomenology of Spirit)

*Bristow, Wm., *Hegel and the Transformation of Philosophical Critique* (Oxford) (E-book in CU library)
Butler, Judith, *Subjects of Desire: Hegelian Reflections in Twentieth-Century France* (Columbia)
*Forster, Michael N., *Hegel's Idea of a 'Phenomenology of Spirit'* (Chicago)
*Gadamer, Hans-Georg, *Hegel's Dialectic* (Yale)
*Hyppolite, Jean, *Genesis and Structure of Hegel's 'Phenomenology'* (Northwestern)
Kojève, Alexandre, *Introduction to the Reading of Hegel* (Cornell)
*Neuhouser, Frederick, "Desire, Recognition, and the Relation between Bondsman and Lord," in Kenneth Westphal, ed., *Hegel's 'Phenomenology of Spirit'* (Blackwell, 2008)
Pinkard, Terry, *Hegel's Phenomenology* (Cambridge)
Pippin, Robert B., *Hegel on Self-Consciousness: Desire and Death in Hegel's Phenomenology* (Cambridge)
Pippin, Robert, "Naturalness & Mindedness: Hegel's Compatibilism," in *Hegel's Practical Phil.* (Cambr.)
*Wartenberg, Thomas, "Hegel's Idealism: The Language of Conceptuality," in *Cambr. Companion*, 1st ed.
Westphal, Kenneth, "Hegel's Internal Critique of Naive Realism," *Journ. of Phil. Research* 25(2000), 173-228
*Yovel, Yirmiyahu, *Hegel's Preface to the 'Phenomenology of Spirit'* (Princeton)

Hegel (Philosophy of Right)

Hardimon, Michael, *Hegel's Social Philosophy: The Project of Reconciliation* (Cambridge)
*Neuhouser, F., *Foundations of Hegel's Social Theory* (Harvard) (E-book in CU library) (= HST)
*_____, "Hegel's Social Philosophy," in *The Cambridge Companion to Hegel & 19th Century Phil.*, 2nd ed.

* _____, "The Method of the *Philosophy of Right*," in *Hegel's Elements of the Philosophy of Right*, ed. David James (Cambridge), 16-36 (E-book in CU library)

*Patten, Alan, *Hegel's Idea of Freedom* (Oxford) (E-book in CU library)

*Taylor, Charles, *Hegel and Modern Society* (Cambridge) (E-book in CU library)

*Wood, Allen, *Hegel's Ethical Thought* (Cambridge)

*Highly recommended

Schedule of Lectures and Reading Assignments:

[Introductory reading: Forster, 17-42, 55-7, 61-78; Neuhausser (FTS), Chs. 1-2]

- Kant: Critique of Judgment**
- Sept. 5 Second Introduction: *CJ*, 12-15, 18-26, 35-8 (Academy pagination, 5: 174-7, 179-86, 195-7)
First Introduction: *CJ*, 391-4 (Academy pagination, 201'-205')
- 10 Natural purposes (*Naturzwecke*): *CJ*, §10, §§62-6
[Kreines: "Inexplicability of Kant's *Naturzweck*"]
- 12 Nature as a system of ends: *CJ*, §§ 67-8, 72-6
[Ginsborg: "Two Kinds of Mechanical Inexplicability"
Guyer, "Organisms & the Unity of Science," in *Kant's System of Nature and Freedom*]
- 17 Final end (*letzter Zweck*) of nature; Final end (*Endzweck*) of world: *CJ*, §§ 83-4, 87
- Hegel: Phenomenology of Spirit**
- 19, 24 Philosophy as System & Idea of Spirit: Preface (*PhG*, ¶¶1-37, 67-72: especially ¶¶17-18)
[Yovel, entire book]
[Forster, 193-204, 103-10]
[Pippin, "Naturalness & Mindedness"]
[Neuhausser (FTS), Ch. 3]
- 26 & Oct. 1 Aims of the *Phenomenology*: Introduction; *PhG*, ¶¶73-89
[Forster, 110-31, 152-61, 164-7, 184-7, 226-35, 270-81]
- 3 Consciousness (Sense-Certainty): *PhG*, ¶¶90-110
plus a commentary on the chapter "Consciousness" (e. g., Hyppolite, Pinkard)
[Westphal, "Hegel's Internal Critique of Naive Realism" (Concentrate on §4.)]
- 8, 10, 12 Self-Consciousness (Desire): *PhG*, ¶¶166-77, 195
[Butler, Ch. 1; See also Hyppolite, Kojève, and Pinkard]
[Neuhausser, "Desire, Recognition, and the Relation between Bondsman and Lord"]
- (Oct. 12 is a Fri. lecture at 10:10 a.m, a make-up for the canceled lectured on Nov. 19)**
- 15, 17, 22, 24 Self-Consciousness (Struggle unto Death & Lordship and Bondage): *PhG*, ¶¶178-97
[Gadamer, Ch. 3; See also Hyppolite, Kojève, and Pinkard]
- 29 Summary of Stoicism, Skepticism, and the Unhappy Consciousness
(Read Taylor or Hyppolite on these sections.)
[Forster, 248-55]
- 31 1) Reason: Critique of "Idealism" and Kant's Moral Theory
PhG, ¶¶231-5, 238-9, 429-37 (Also: *PhR*, §135)
[Forster, 326-32, 348-53; Patten, Ch. 3 (§§1-3); Wood, Ch. 9]
2) Spirit: the Concept of *Sittlichkeit* (Ethical Life); *PhG*, ¶¶347-59, 438-41, 447
Also: Absolute Knowing: Transition to the System Proper; *PhG*, ¶¶788, 792-8, 804-8
- Hegel: Philosophy of Right**
- Nov. 5 The Aim of Political Philosophy: Preface; *PhR*, 9-23
[Neuhausser (HST), 1-16; Hardimon, Ch. 4]

Schedule of Lectures and Reading Assignments (cont'd):

- Nov. 7, 12 Will as the Foundation of Practical Philosophy: Introduction; *PhR*, §§1-33
[Neuhouse (HST), 17-35; Patten, Ch. 2; Wood, Ch. 3]
- 14 Abstract Right I: Property; *PhR*, §§34-51
[Patten, Ch. 5; Wood, Ch. 5]
- (NB: Class canceled on Nov. 19, make-up on Oct. 12)**
- 26 Abstract Right II: Contract, Wrong, and Transition to Morality; *PhR*, §§71-5, 81-2, 90-104
[Patten, 177-83]
- 28 Morality (summary) and Transition to *Sittlichkeit* (Ethical Life);
PhR, §§105-14, 129-38 (especially 136-8), 141
[Foster, 72-98; Patten, 184-6]
- Dec. 3 Sittlichkeit: The Concept of Ethical Life; *PhR*, §§142-57
[Neuhouse (HST), 35-54, 82-174; Patten, Chs. 1, 3 (§§4-5), 4 (§§3-4)]
- 5 Sittlichkeit: The Family; *PhR*, §§158-81
[Neuhouse (HST), 98-99, 135-6, 142-4, 149-57, 169-70, 276-7]
- 10 Sittlichkeit: Civil Society; *PhR*, §§182-208, 230-56; skim §§209-29
[Neuhouse (HST), 135-7, 157-65, 170-74; Patten, Ch. 6 (§§1-2); Wood, 247-55]
- Sittlichkeit: The State; *PhR*, §§257-71;
[Neuhouse (HST), 137-140, 208-24; Patten, Ch. 6 (§§3-5)]
(§§272-329 lay out the details of Hegel's conception of constitutional monarchy. Since this won't be covered in lecture, you ought to read it on your own.)

Course requirements:

- Two papers: i) 6-7 pages, due Monday, October 24, 5:00 p.m.
- ii) 8-10 pages, due Sunday, December 13, 5:00 p.m.
- One take-home midterm, due Thursday, October 8, 10:10 p.m. (handed out October 3)
- One final exam, Wednesday, December 19, 9:00 a.m.-noon
- Attendance of all lectures

[Please note: the final will be given at this time only. Plan your end-of-year travel accordingly.]

A passing grade on each paper and exam is required to pass the course.

Irregular attendance can influence final grades (negatively) in borderline cases.

Final grades will be determined as follows:

25% First Paper	25% Second Paper
17% Midterm	33% Final Exam

-A note on grades: In this course I break with the current trend of grade inflation. This means that I use the full range of the grading scale. B's are reserved for good work; merely satisfactory work receives a C. Since A designates excellence ("standing out"), it's unlikely that, say, 40% of the class will receive a final grade of A. On the other hand, if half the class does excellent work, half the class will receive an A.

-E-mail: You may contact me by e-mail when you have a question that can be answered briefly (e.g., to set up an appointment). E-mail is convenient, but it can't replace philosophical conversation in person. When you have philosophical questions, please come to my office hours or make an appointment.

-The penalty for plagiarism will be failure of the course in all cases. If you are in any doubt as to what constitutes the illegitimate use of another person's work, don't hesitate to consult me.

-Students who need disability-related accommodations should see me and stop by the Office of Disability Services as soon as possible.