

**UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
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PHIL*3080. History of Modern Philosophy from Kant

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Office Hours: whenever I'm there (except the hour before class when I'm preparing), which is most of the time I'm not teaching. My teaching schedule is in CourseLink and next to my door at 353 MacKinnon.

COURSE OUTLINE

DESCRIPTION: A survey of western philosophy from Kant to the end of the nineteenth century, combining class discussion of Kant, Hegel, Schopenhauer, and Nietzsche, with outside reading in Frederick Copleston's *History of Philosophy* vol. 7 and a CourseLink article on J.S. Mill.

TEXTS: Kant, *Prolegomena to any Future Metaphysics* (ISBN 0-915144-33-6); Hegel, *Phenomenology of Spirit* (ISBN 0-19-824597-1); Schopenhauer, *The World as Will and Representation*, Vol. 1 (ISBN 0-486-21761-2); Nietzsche, *On The Genealogy of Morals* (ISBN 0-394-70401-0); Copleston, *A History of Philosophy*, Vol. 7 (ISBN 0-385-47044-4).

ASSIGNMENTS: In addition to the final exam (50%) you may write either two 1250 word essays (25% each) or one 2500 word essay (50%). 1250 or 2500 words are minimum lengths – essays may be longer if justified by the content. You can also use the first 1250 word essay as a trial run for the 2500 word essay, or you can expunge the grade for your first essay by submitting a 2500 word essay later – in both cases resubmit the original essay along with the final version. If you want preliminary feedback submit something by the first deadline. **Submit on paper** – electronic submissions will not be accepted. See the Essay Guidelines for due dates. **The following texts are available on CourseLink as potential essay topics:** FICHTE, *The Vocation of Man*; KIERKEGAARD, *Fear and Trembling*; MARX, *Economic & Philosophic Manuscripts of 1844*; MILL, *On Liberty and Utilitarianism*; SCHELLING, *First Outline of ... the Philosophy of Nature*; Mary WOLLSTONECRAFT, *Vindication of the Rights of Woman*.

FINAL EXAM (Thur 12/9/10, 14:30-16:30): Essay questions on the material covered in class, and identification questions on the outside readings (Fichte, Schelling, Marx, Kierkegaard, Mill). The group of identification questions will be worth the equivalent of one essay question. The essay questions will be selected from a list handed out at the last class, which will be a review class.

READINGS FOR CLASS:

KANT: 1. 1-24, 2. 25-37, 3. 38-68, 4. 69-90, 5. 91-104, 6. 105-122.

HEGEL: 1. INTRODUCTION: 46-57, 2. SENSE CERTAINTY: 58-66, 3. SELF CERTAINTY: 104-111, 4. MASTER AND SLAVE: 111-119, 5. UNHAPPY CONSCIOUSNESS: 126(¶ 206)-138, 6. ABSOLUTE KNOWING: 479-80 (¶¶ 788-789) and 490-3 (¶¶ 805-808).

SCHOPENHAUER: 1: §§ 1, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15; 2: §§ 17-22; 3: §§ 26, 27; 4: §§ 30, 33, 34, 36, 38; 5: §§ 54, 57; 6: §§ 63, 65, 66, 68 (except pp. 384-91), 71.

NIETZSCHE: 1: 1st Essay, 2: 2nd Essay, 3: 3rd Essay §§ 1, 8-16, 4: 3rd Essay §§ 17-28.

OUTSIDE READINGS

COPELSTON vol. 7: Idealism (chapter 1)
Fichte (chapter 2 and the end of 3 [§ 8])
Schelling (chapters 5, 6, and part of 7 [§ 5])