UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
PHIL*3080. History of Modern Philosophy from Kant
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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 Represe-

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 & Philosphic 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:
§§ 788-789) and 490-3 (§§ 805-808).
SCHOPENHAUER: 1. §§ 1, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 15; 2. §§ 17-23; 3. §§ 26, 27; 4. §§ 30, 33, 34, 36, 38;
OUTSIDE READINGS
COPESTON vol. 7: Idealism (chapter 1)
Fichte [chapter 2 and the end of § 8]
Schelling [chapters 5, 6, and part of 7 (6.5)].