Current Debates in Continental Philosophy

**Code and section:** PHIL\*4130\*01

**Term:** Winter 2024

# **Method of Delivery:**

This course will meet in-person, Mondays from 2:30-5:30.

# **Course Synopsis:**

In this course, we will study Hegel, one of the half dozen or so greatest thinkers the world has ever produced. We will spend the semester reading his brilliant—but difficult—masterpiece, *The Phenomenology of Spirit*. This book will take us from the analysis of the fabric of experience and basic issues of epistemology and metaphysics into the richest and most intimate aspects of personal, interpersonal and political life. This course will require your substantial engagement, which means you must be prepared to work hard at reading the text on your own, you must come to class prepared to talk about it, and you must be prepared to complete written assignments and make class presentations. If you do that, you should expect this study to be a very rewarding educational experience.

This course will meet jointly with PHIL 6150, Contemporary European Philosophy.

# **Required Textbooks:**

You need to get Hegel’s *Phenomenology of Spirit*, translated by A.V. Miller (published by Oxford University Press). You will need to bring this to class with you each day, because a significant portion of each class will be spent working directly on the text.

# **Disclaimer:**

*\* Please note: This is a preliminary web course outline only. The Philosophy Department reserves the right to change without notice any information in this description. The final, binding course outline will be distributed in the first class of the semester.*