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COURSE GOALS: This course introduces students to 19th-century, Continental-European philosophy by focussing on a single issue: namely the problem of how humans develop personal identities in social settings. We will explore how Kant, Schiller, Hegel, Marx, Kierkegaard and Nietzsche conceive of "autonomous" or "free" self-determination -- the education of the self, if you will. These philosophers offer quite different accounts of the role of reason, will, imagination, skills and interpersonal relations in the formation of self.

EVALUATION: Students will be evaluated on the basis of class participation, vocabulary quizzes, midterm examinations and a final paper.

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POLICIES:

Open, respectful and critical discussion is the life-blood of this course. Quizzes
offer students and teacher the opportunity to identify and to clarify central terms/concepts. The midterm examinations test comprehension of key philosophical issues, and the final paper offers students the opportunity to respond in depth to a single topic. The final paper is due on the day scheduled for the final examination. 3 unexcused absences will result in a full grade reduction.

TEXTS:


GERMAN ACROSS THE CURRICULUM COMPONENT: Selected texts may be read in the German original. GAC students will be given alternative assignments and weekly tutorials.

BRIDGE READING COMPONENT: Students interested in linking course material to their major course of study will be given special readings and assignments. Tutorial meetings are required, and the final paper must be completed in consultation with professor in home department.

Psychology: Students interested in exploring the philosophical foundations of developmental psychology will be given readings that link the course to the works of Jean Piaget, Lawrence Kohlberg and Carol Gilligan. Students interested in issues of identity formation in self-psychology and psychoanalysis will be given a different set of readings. See Psychology Bridge-Readings (Philosophy Homepage).

Political Science: Students interested in examining the philosophical roots of current debates in political theory and feminist philosophy will be given readings by contemporary political thinkers who analyze modern politics in the light of 19th-century philosophers.

Religion: Students interested in a fuller examination of Kierkegaard's theology in contemporary discussions will be given readings that discuss Kierkegaard's critique of secular identity formation.

READING SCHEDULE

19th Century Philosophy Syllabus http://kzoo.edu/phil/19thF98.html

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1. **HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION: THE KANTIAN LEGACY**

**TUES, SEPT 22ND:**
1. Introductory Lecture: "Kant's Transcendental Idealism."

**THURS, SEPT 24TH:**
2. Quiz #1.

2. **SCHILLER'S RECONCILIATION OF FREEDOM AND NATURE: AESTHETIC SELF-DEVELOPMENT**

**TUES, SEPT 29TH:**
1. Solomon, Part 1 (Cont.)
2. Schiller, Letter One to Twelve.

**THURS, OCT 1ST:**
1. Schiller, Letters Thirteen to Twenty-Seven.
2. Quiz #2.

**TUES, OCT 6TH:**
1. Schiller, Letters Thirteen to Twenty-Seven. (Cont.).

**THURS, OCT 8TH:**
1. Schiller (end).
2. Quiz #3.

3. **HEGEL'S ACCOUNT OF SELF-DEVELOPMENT: LOGICAL SELF-DETERMINATION.**

**TUES, OCT 13TH:**
1. Hegel, "Philosophy Must Become Scientific." (pp. 1-29).

**THURS, OCT 15TH:**
1. Hegel, "The idea of a Phenomenology of the Spirit" (pp. 29-57).
2. Quiz #4.

**TUES, OCT 20TH:**

**WEEK FIVE**
1. Hegel, "Truth" & "Conclusion" (pp. 57-113).
2. First Midterm Examination.

THURS, OCT 22ND:
1. Hegel, "The Struggle of Master and Slave" [Handout].
2. Evening movie: "The Collector."

4. MARX'S CRITIQUE OF IDEALISM: THE MATERIALIST ACCOUNT OF SELF-FORMATION.

TUES, OCT 27TH: 

THURS, OCT 29TH:

5. KIERKEGAARD'S ATTACK UPON AUTO-TELIC ACCOUNTS OF IDENTITY FORMATION: "RESTING TRANSPARENTLY IN ANOTHER."

TUES, NOV 3RD: 
1. Kierkegaard, The Sickness Unto Death, Preface, Introduction and "Despair Is the Sickness unto Death" and "The Universality of This Sickness" (pp. 13-28).
2. Kierkegaard, The Sickness Unto Death, "The Forms of This Sickness" (pp. 29-74).

THURS, NOV 5TH:
1. Kierkegaard, The Sickness Unto Death, "Despair is Sin" (pp. 77-104).

TUES, NOV 10TH:

THURS., NOV. 12TH:
1. Kierkegaard (end).

6. NEITZSCHE'S GENEALOGICAL "UNMASKING" OF IDEALISM AND MATERIALISM: THE SELF AS THE WILL TO POWER.

TUES., NOV. 17TH: 
1. Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morals, Preface, "'Good and Evil,' 'Good and Bad'" (pp. 1-57).

THURS., NOV. 19TH:
1. Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morals, "'Guilt,' 'Bad Conscience,' and the Like" (pp. 57-97).

TUES, NOV 24TH: WEEK TEN
1. Student Evaluations.

FINALS WEEK