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COURSE GOALS:  
This course introduces students to 19th-century, Continental-European philosophy by focusing 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.

Class Participation Seminar presentations and discussion 10%  
Midterm examinations 2 @ 20% each 40%
Quizzes 5 @ 5% each 25%
Final Paper 10-15 pages 25%

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

1. HISTORICAL INTRODUCTION: THE KANTIAN LEGACY

TUES, SEPT 21st:  
1. Introductory Lecture: "Kant's Transcendental Idealism."  

THURS, SEPT 23rd:  
2. Quiz #1.

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

TUES, SEPT 28th:  
1. Solomon, Part 1 (Cont.)  
2. Schiller, Letter One to Twelve.

THURS, SEPT 30th:  
1. Schiller, Letters Thirteen to Twenty-Seven.  
2. Quiz #2.

TUES, OCT 5th:  
1. Schiller, Letters Thirteen to Twenty-Seven (Cont.).

THURS, OCT 7TH:  
1. Schiller (end).  
2. Quiz #3.

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

TUES, OCT 12th:  
1. Hegel, "Philosophy Must Become Scientific." (pp. 1-29).
THURS, OCT 14TH:

1. Hegel, "The idea of a Phenomenology of the Spirit" (pp. 29-57).
2. Quiz #4.

TUES, OCT 19TH: WEEK FIVE

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

THURS, OCT 21ST:

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 26TH: WEEK SIX


THURS, OCT 28TH:


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

TUES, NOV 2nd: WEEK SEVEN


THURS, NOV 4TH:

1. Kierkegaard, Philosophical Fragments, "The Situation of the Contemporary Follower" and "Is the Past More Necessary than the Future?" (pp. 55-89).

TUES, NOV 9th:

1. Kierkegaard, Philosophical Fragments, "The Follower at Second Hand" & "The Moral" (pp. 89-113).

THURS., NOV. 11th:
1. Kierkegaard (end).

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

**TUES., NOV. 16th:**
1. Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morals, Preface, "'Good and Evil,' 'Good and Bad" (pp. 1-57).

**THURS., NOV. 18th:**
1. Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morals, "'Guilt,' 'Bad Conscience,' and the Like" (pp. 57-97).

**TUES, NOV 23rd:**
1. Student Evaluations.

**FINALS WEEK**