

Contemporary European Philosophy

Phil 314

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We will investigate several major European philosophies of the nineteenth and twentieth centuries. Philosophers we will cover include Georg Hegel, Friedrich Nietzsche, Sigmund Freud, Martin Heidegger, Jean-Paul Sartre, Albert Camus, and Michel Foucault.

Books

- Michel Foucault, *The History of Sexuality* (Vintage)
- Sigmund Freud, *Civilization and Its Discontents* (W. W. Norton)
- Stephen Hicks, *Contemporary European Philosophy* anthology with readings from Kant, Hegel, Marx, Spengler and others.
- Walter Kaufmann, editor, *Existentialism from Dostoevsky to Sartre* (NAL/Dutton)
- Friedrich Nietzsche, *Genealogy of Morals* (Vintage)
- Ayn Rand, *We the Living* (Signet)
- Yevgeny Zamyatin, *We* (Penguin)

Recommended Secondary Sources

- James Fieser, editor. *The Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*.
<http://www.utm.edu/research/iep/>
- Stephen Hicks, *Explaining Postmodernism: Skepticism and Socialism from Rousseau to Foucault* (Scholargy, 2004)
- Stephen Hicks, *Nietzsche and the Nazis* (Ockham's Razor, 2006)
- Thomas Ryan Stone, editor. <http://www.epistemelinks.com/Main/MainPers.asp>

Grading

Midterm test	20
Brief presentation(s)	10
Participation	20
Essay	20
Exam	<u>30</u>
Total:	100

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Schedule and Readings

Week	Topic	Readings
1	Introduction: Key themes from history and philosophy	The Enlightenment and Counter-Enlightenment
2	Kant and Kierkegaard	Immanuel Kant, "Second Preface" to the <i>Critique of Pure Reason</i> Søren Kierkegaard, excerpts in Kaufmann, 101-120
3	Hegel and Marx	G.W.F. Hegel, excerpts from <i>Philosophy of History</i> Karl Marx and Friedrich, <i>The Communist Manifesto</i>
4	Nietzsche	Friedrich Nietzsche, <i>Genealogy of Morals</i>
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6	Midterm test	
	Mussolini, Hitler and the National Socialist Revolution	Benito Mussolini, Oswald Spengler and Adolf Hitler excerpts
7	Lenin, Stalin, and the Communist Revolution	
8	Anti-Utopianism	Yevgeny Zamyatin, <i>We</i> Ayn Rand, excerpts from <i>We the Living</i> ; guest lectures by Anja Hartleb-Parson
9	Freud: Psychoanalysis and Philosophy	Sigmund Freud, <i>Civilization and Its Discontents</i>
10	Heidegger: Existentialism and Phenomenology	Martin Heidegger, "What Is Metaphysics?" in Kaufmann, 242-264
11	Sartre and Camus: Existentialism on	Jean-Paul Sartre, "Existentialism is a

	Human Nature and the Meaning of Life	Humanism” in Kaufmann, 345-369
		Albert Camus, <i>The Myth of Sisyphus</i> in Kaufmann, 375-378
12	Existentialism in film	Video: Woody Allen’s <i>Crimes and Misdemeanors</i>
13	Foucault and Postmodernism	Michel Foucault, <i>The History of Sexuality</i>
14	Postmodernism	Michel Foucault, <i>The History of Sexuality</i>

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