



FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 411 Lec 01 – Topics in the History of Philosophy  
Topic 1: Continental Theories of Knowledge

Winter Term 2012

Course Outline

Lectures: Wed 16:00-18:50, Social Science 113

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*It will be advantageous for the students in this course to have taken PHIL 309 or PHIL 311.*

***Course Description***

This course will focus on continental theories of knowledge. After considering Nietzsche's dissection of various notions of truth, we shall turn to various responses to enlightenment thinking in both the German and the French philosophical traditions. We shall consider the relationship between knowledge and technology, knowledge and myth, knowledge and ideology, knowledge and the unconscious, knowledge and social science paradigms, and knowledge and gender. The following philosophers will be studied: Nietzsche, Heidegger, Adorno, Horkheimer & Adorno, Habermas, Lyotard, Freud, Lacan, and Irigaray.

***Required Texts***

Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*.

Heidegger, *The Question Concerning Technology and Other Essays*

Horkheimer and Adorno, *Dialectic of Enlightenment*

Lyotard, *The Postmodern Condition*

Course Readings

***Evaluation***

Participation – 10%. All students are expected to attend regularly and to contribute to the class, having completed the readings beforehand.

Short Class Presentation – 10%

Essay (approx. 2000-2500 words) worth 40% – **due February 27<sup>th</sup>**.

Take-Home Examination (approx. 2000-2500 words) worth 40% – **due April 13<sup>th</sup>**.

***Grading Method***

Grades will be calculated as follows: A+ = 88; A = 85; A- = 82; B+ = 78; B = 75; B- = 72; C+ = 68; C = 65; C- = 62; D+ = 58; D = 55; D- = 52; F = 40

Final Grades will be assigned according to the ranges below:

A+ = 87-100; A = 83-86.9; A- = 80-82.9; B+ = 77-79.9; B = 73-76.9; B- = 70-72.9; C+ = 67-69.9; C = 63-66.9; C- = 60-62.9; D+ = 57-59.9; D = 50-56.9; F = below 50.

There will be NO Registrar Scheduled Final Examination

***Policy on Late Assignments***

Late and emailed papers will not be accepted.

Please hand your assignments directly to me or put them in the Drop Box in the department.

## **INTELLECTUAL HONESTY**

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as **an extremely serious academic offence**, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- *the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test);*
- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

## **ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

## **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT**

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