

**Meeting Time and Location:** Tue/Thu 8:00-9:15 at Bolton 003

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**Course Description and Objectives:**

This course examines the thought of some of the most influential philosophers of the 19<sup>th</sup> century. The main focus will be on the works of Hegel, Marx, James and Peirce, and Nietzsche, although we will also be reading selections of Kierkegaard and Feuerbach's writings. The aim of the class is to familiarize students with 19<sup>th</sup> century thought, a time of important transitions (and "endings") in terms of traditional Western values and ideals.

**Required Readings:**

1.) Forrest E. Baird and Walter Kaufmann, *Philosophic Classics, Volume IV: Nineteenth-Century Philosophy*, 2<sup>nd</sup> ed. (New Jersey: Prentice-Hall, 2000).

2.) Friedrich Nietzsche, *The Portable Nietzsche*, ed. and trans. Walter Kaufmann (New York: Penguin Press, 1982).

**Note:** This text has not been ordered through the University book store. It is widely available used and will not be required for class until November.

**Exams and other Assignments:**

**2 Exams**, each worth 30% of total grade. Exams may consist of multiple choice, short answer, short essay, identification/definition of terms, or any combination thereof.

**Term Paper**, worth 30% of total grade; detailed assignment to follow Exam #1

**Participation & Attendance** (counting for the remaining 10% of total grade) will be assigned in class on a regular basis, and without prior notice. These will likely take the form of responses to readings, questions raised in class, films shown in class, etc.

**Make-ups:**

Make-ups for exams and other assignments are given only in cases of unavoidable absence. This means that the absence must be excused, and the student must provide proper documentation. Please consult <http://student-rules.tamu.edu/rule7.htm> (Student Rules) for additional information.

### **Class/Exam Policies:**

**All electronic devices are to be (and remain) turned off in class and during exams.** This includes phones, organizers, laptops, and the like. Students with documented disabilities may be exempted from this policy. Students found in violation of this policy during an exam will be disqualified from the exam.

Exams start at the beginning of class on the day for which they are scheduled. The amount of time allotted for the exam may be less than the class period. Students should therefore plan to arrive on time.

Baseball caps or other headgear, as well as articles of clothing or objects that may also be used to conceal notes, may not be worn during exams. This excludes headgear worn as a form of sincere religious expression.

Cheating will not be tolerated. Students should refer to the Honor Council Rules and Procedures on the web at <http://www.tamu.edu/aggiehonor> for further information concerning the Academic Integrity Statement:

“An Aggie does not lie, cheat or steal, or tolerate those who do.”

### **Attendance and Participation:**

Regular attendance is expected, as is participation in class discussion. Students should be prepared for class, which means they should have read the assigned material prior to class, be ready to ask for clarification and further explanation whenever necessary, and in general, take responsibility for their learning.

### **Class Discussion Rules:**

Please be as respectful of others' views as you would want them to be of yours. You are encouraged to voice your views in a civilized manner, which requires that you should also be prepared to listen and respond to potential criticisms of that view. Be aware, however, that not all claims and positions are equally plausible. It is the purpose of discussion to attempt to settle the question as to which view(s) have the better justification(s).

### **Americans with Disabilities Act:**

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) is a federal antidiscrimination statute that provides comprehensive civil rights protection for persons with disabilities. Among other things, this legislation requires that all students with disabilities be guaranteed a learning environment that provides for reasonable accommodation of their disabilities. If you believe you have a disability requiring an accommodation, please contact the Department of Student Life, Services for Students with Disabilities in Cain Hall, Rm. B118, or call 845-1637.

## **Tentative Schedule of Readings and Exams:**

Readings are to be completed prior to the class for which they are assigned. All but the Nietzsche readings are in Baird and Kaufmann, *19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy*.

|          |   |                                     |
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| Aug. 26  | Introduction/Orientation                                    |                                     |
| Aug. 28  | Lecture on Kant, no reading assignment                      | <b>Aug. 29 last day to add/drop</b> |
| Sept. 2  | Hegel (pp. 32-89)   |                                     |
| Sept. 4  | “   |                                     |
| Sept. 9  | “   |                                     |
| Sept. 11 | Film  |                                     |
| Sept. 16 | Kierkegaard (pp. 256-300)                                   |                                     |
| Sept. 18 | “   |                                     |
| Sept. 23 | Catch up, Review  |                                     |
| Sept. 25 | <b>Exam #1</b>  |                                     |
| Sept. 30 | Feuerbach (pp. 132-140)                                     |                                     |
| Oct. 2   | Marx (pp. 301-368)  |                                     |
| Oct. 7   | “   |                                     |
| Oct. 9   | Film, “Modern Times”  |                                     |
| Oct. 14  | Peirce (369-395)  |                                     |
| Oct. 16  | “   |                                     |
| Oct. 21  | James (396-447)   |                                     |
| Oct. 23  | “   |                                     |
| Oct. 28  | Review  |                                     |
| Oct. 30  | <b>Exam #2</b>  | <b>Oct. 31 last day to Q-drop</b>   |
| Nov. 4   | Introducing Nietzsche                                       |                                     |
| Nov. 6   | Film  |                                     |
| Nov. 11  | “Twilight of the Idols,” selections, in <i>The Portable</i> |                                     |
| Nov. 13  | “Genealogy” (pp. 462-476)                                   |                                     |
| Nov. 18  | Bonfire Remembrance Day                                     |                                     |
| Nov. 20  | <i>Zarathustra</i> in <i>The Portable</i>                   |                                     |
| Nov. 25  | <i>Zarathustra</i>  |                                     |
| Nov. 27  | Thanksgiving  |                                     |
| Dec. 2   | Last day of class, <b>Papers due</b>                        |                                     |

**Note:** This schedule is subject to change to accommodate for the actual pace of the class. Changes, if necessary, will be announced in class, though students may be assured that exams will not be given prior to the dates for which they are currently scheduled.