



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 407.1, Lec 1 – “A 19th or 20th Century Philosopher: Hegel”

Fall Term 2015

Course Outline

Lectures: TR 9:30-10:45 in EDC 287

Instructor: Katrin Froese

I

Office: SS 546

Phone: 403-220-3282

Email: froese@ucalgary.ca

Office Hours: Tuesdays 11-12

Course Description: In this course, we will examine Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*. Themes to be addressed include the concept of Geist, absolute knowledge, ethics, objective reason, religion, community and culture. Students will gain an understanding of this text as well as assess the impact that Hegel has had on modern European thought.

Required Text: G.W.F. Hegel, *Phenomenology of Mind*. Tr. J.B. Baillie, Dover Philosophical Classics.

Evaluation

Assignments are designed to assist students in improving their writing, analytical and critical thinking skills. All papers must be submitted to the instructor at the BEGINNING of the class of the day indicated. Late papers will be marked down at a rate of 3% per day. Details for paper assignments will be provided. **Warning:** I am firm on due dates and policies on extensions and do not appreciate having my email flooded with all sorts of elaborate stories during the time period when assignments are due. Extensions will only be granted under exceptional circumstances and must be accompanied by proper documentation (i.e., medical certificate, etc.). Computer breakdown is not a valid reason for an extension. Students are expected to make back-up copies of all their assignments and manage their own time. Having several papers due at the end of the semester is no excuse for submitting a late paper, since you have the option of starting on the assignments early.

Please be aware that mere physical presence in the classroom does not constitute participation. In other words, staring at your electronic devices throughout the entire class is not a good way of demonstrating your engagement with the course material. It is your responsibility to sign up for presentations. If you wait until the end of the semester, and all the slots are taken, this is not my issue. I will allow for one presentation per class. You are expected to give a 15 minute presentation, and lead discussion for 10 minutes on any aspect of the readings for that class.

There will be no Registrar-scheduled final examination for this course.

Course Requirements

Class participation and seminar presentation	15%
First paper (8-10 pages) October 20	40%
Second paper (8-10 pages) Due December 1	45 %

Grading Scale

95-100 = A+	78-80 = B+	68-70 = C+	58-60 = D+
85-94 = A	75-77 = B	65-67 = C	50-57 = D
81-84 = A- 7	1-74 = B-	61-64 = C-	< 50 = F

TENTATIVE COURSE OUTLINE

Note: This schedule may change depending on the nature of class discussion.

September 8- Intro

September 10 – Hegel's Introduction

Readings: Introduction

September 15-17

Section A.1. Sense Certainty, This and Meaning (pp. 54-62), A.II. Perception, Thing and Deceptiveness (pp. 62-74)

Sept. 22-24– Force and Understanding

Readings: Force and Understanding: The World of Appearance and Supersensible Things

Sept 29-October 1 Self Consciousness

Readings: Section B. Self-Consciousness pp. 97-130.

October 6-8 – Free Concrete Mind

Readings: Section V. A.a Observation of Nature, Observation of organic existence and observation of Nature as organic whole pp. 138-169

October 13-15 Morality

Readings: Section V. B. Realization of rational self consciousness through itself pp. 198-223

October 20-22– Antigone and objective spirit

Readings: Section VI A. a. "Objective Spirit: The ethical world: law divine and human" pp. 254-267

October 20-22– Culture and civilization

Readings: Section VI. B. I. "Spirit in self-estrangement: the discipline of culture and civilization" pp. 282-316

October 27-29 – The Enlightenment

Readings: Section VI "Enlightenment" pp. 317-350

November 3-5– Morality and Conscience

Readings: Section VI. C. "Spirit certain of itself: Morality" pp. 350-396

November 10-17 Religion

Readings: Section VII A “Natural Religion”. B “Religion in the form of Art”

November 24-26 – Christianity

Readings: Section VII C. “Revealed Religion”

December 1-8 -Absolute Knowledge

Readings: Section VIII “Absolute Knowledge”

Academic Honesty

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, an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw from the University. See the relevant sections on ‘Academic Misconduct’ in the current University Calendar. Intellectual honesty requires that your work include adequate referencing to sources. Plagiarism occurs when you do not acknowledge or correctly reference your sources. If you have questions about correct referencing, consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services. SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For more information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>. Students who require accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their instructor. The full policy on student accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is the University of Calgary’s online learning management system. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/it/services/d2l> for help.

Student Advising and Information Resources

General Academic Concerns and Program Planning— Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students’ Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Drop in at SS102, call 403-220-3580, or email ascarts@ucalgary.ca. Advisors in the ASC can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. Visit the Faculty of Arts website at <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> for detailed information on common academic concerns.

Advice on Philosophy Courses - You may find answers to your more specific questions about a philosophy degree on the Department of Philosophy’s website <http://phil.ucalgary.ca> or contact one of Philosophy’s current Undergraduate Advisors (see below)

Registration Overload/Prereq Waivers – If you are seeking to register in a Philosophy course that is full or to get permission to waive the prereqs for a course, email the instructor of the course.

Protection of Privacy

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. The Department of Philosophy ensures the student’s right to privacy by requiring all graded assignments be returned to the student directly from the instructor or teaching assistant.

Safewalk

Call 403-220-5333 (24/7/365) for a Safewalk volunteer to accompany you safely to your destination on campus including parking lots, housing, and the LRT station or use a Campus Help Phone.

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

The Department of Philosophy is located on the 12th floor of the Social Sciences Building
and on the web at www.phil.ucalgary.ca

PHILOSOPHY UNDERGRADUATE PROGRAM ADVISORS FOR FALL 2015:

Jeremy Fantl (Undergrad Director) jfantl@ucalgary.ca

Reid Buchanan buchanan@ucalgary.ca

Ann Levey (Honours Program Advisor) levey@ucalgary.ca

For assistance with registration issues in Philosophy courses, contact
Merlette Schnell (schnell@ucalgary.ca)