COURSE DESCRIPTION for PHIL 4P21
HEGEL AND THE 19TH CENTURY
Brock University, Winter / 2010

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PHIL 4P21 COURSE WEB PAGE:  http://spartan.ac.brocku.ca/~tmulligan/hegelhome.html

This web page contains current course announcements, the course description, the schedule, selected graphics and overhead transparencies from the lectures, the full text of non-copyrighted readings, and information about your grades.

CONTENT: Roughly the first half of the course will be spent carefully and closely studying G. W. F. Hegel’s The Phenomenology of Mind. During the second half of the course, selected 19th-century thinkers (TBA) influenced by Hegel will be examined. At the conclusion of the course, if time permits, we will return to Hegel to read a final short work.

GRADING: Tests: There will be 4 tests during the term. Your best 3 tests will count. You are advised to write all of the tests. There are no make-up tests for students who miss a test.

| Total Tests (best 3 of 4 tests count) | 45 |
| Essay (2500 - 4000 words, due Mon., April 5, 3:30pm) | 50 |
| Mini-test (last class) | 5 |
| TOTAL | 100 |

Students are expected to attend all lectures, tests, and the final exam, and to arrange their work hours, travel and vacation plans accordingly.

ESSAYS:
Min. Length: 2500 words
Max. Length: 4000 words
Penalty for Incorrect Word Count: 1% for each 100 words (or portion thereof) by which your essay falls short of the minimum or exceeds the maximum.

PENALTY FOR LATE ASSIGNMENTS:
1st Week: 2% (of grade you would have received) per late teaching day (Monday through Friday)
2nd Week: TOO LATE !

For example, if your grade would have been 70%, it will be:
2 Days Late: 70 - (70 x .04) = 67.2%
5 Days Late: 70 - (70 x .1) = 63.0%

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY: Students are held to a very high standard of academic honesty. A student who cheats on a test or who hands in a plagiarized assignment will automatically fail the course.

CELL PHONES, PAGERS, ETC: All cell phones, PDAs, and similar electronic devices must be turned off during lectures and seminars. Please do not use a wireless laptop computer to access email or the web during class. If students use laptops inappropriately during class, the privilege to use them will be permanently revoked for the entire class.

SPELLING, GRAMMAR, AND MEANING: Spelling, grammar, and overall quality of English usage inevitably affect the meaning and clarity of written work. Students must demonstrate that they comprehend and can use the English language on a level commensurate with the course readings. A portion of the grade for all written work (up to 5%) will be based on spelling, grammar, and overall quality of English usage.

2. Soren Kierkegaard, Fear and Trembling (Bookstore)
3. Marx and Engels, The Communist Manifesto (Handout)
4. Karl Marx, “Alienated Labor” (Handout)
5. F. H. Bradley, excerpts from Appearance and Reality (Handout)
LECTURE TOPICS:

DISCLAIMER: This schedule is subject to change if unforeseen problems occur.

1. Wednesday, January 13, 2010 – Introduction
   - Hegel in the history of ideas
   - Brief biography of Hegel
   
   Readings: Begin Preface to *The Phenomenology of Mind*, pp. 1-43

2. Fri., January 15 – *The Phenomenology of Mind*, some important concepts
   
   Readings: Preface, continued

3. Wed., January 20 – *The Phenomenology of Mind*
   
   Readings: Finish Preface
   Introduction, first 2/3 of p. 44 and last paragraph of p. 53

4. Fri., January 22 – *The Phenomenology of Mind*
   
   Readings: Chapters 1 and 2, pp. 54-74

5. Wed., January 27 – *The Phenomenology of Mind*
   
   Readings: Chapter 4, pp. 97-130

6. Fri., January 29 – *The Phenomenology of Mind*
   
   Readings: Chapter 5, pp. 140-146, 174-198, 248-249 (final paragraph of chapter)

7. Wed., February 3 – *The Phenomenology of Mind*
   - TEST 1 (45 minutes)
   
   Readings: Chapter 6, pp. 255-282 (same pages continued next class)

8. Fri., February 5 – *The Phenomenology of Mind*
   
   Readings: Chapter 6, pp. 255-282 (continued)

9. Wed., February 10 – *The Phenomenology of Mind*
   
   Readings: Chapter 6, pp. 370-395

10. Fri., February 12 – *The Phenomenology of Mind*
    
    Readings: Chapter 7, pp. 438-462

11. Wed., February 17 – *The Phenomenology of Mind*
    - TEST 2 (45 minutes)
    - Overview of the Hegelians who followed
    
    Readings: Chapter 8, pp. 463-476

12. Fri., February 19 – NO CLASS
13. Wed., March 3 – *Communist Manifesto*
   
   *Readings:* Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*

14. Fri., March 5 – “Alienated Labor”
   
   *Readings:* Karl Marx, “Alienated Labor”

15. Wed., March 10 – *Fear and Trembling*
   
   *Readings:* Soren Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*

16. Fri., March 12 – *Fear and Trembling*
   
   *Readings:* Soren Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*

17. Wed., March 17 – *Fear and Trembling*
   
   ● **TEST 3 (45 minutes)**
   
   *Readings:* Soren Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*

18. Fri., March 19 – *Fear and Trembling*
   
   *Readings:* Soren Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*

19. Wed., March 24 – *Fear and Trembling*
   
   *Readings:* Soren Kierkegaard, *Fear and Trembling*

20. Fri., March 26 – *Appearance and Reality*
   
   ● **TEST 4 (45 minutes)**
   
   *Readings:* F. H. Bradley, Selections from *Appearance and Reality*

21. Wed., March 31 – *Appearance and Reality*
   
   *Readings:* F. H. Bradley, Selections from *Appearance and Reality*

22. Wed., April 7 – *Appearance and Reality*
   
   *Readings:* F. H. Bradley, Selections from *Appearance and Reality*

23. Fri., April 9 – Return to Hegel (selection TBA)
   
   *Readings:* TBA

24. Tuesday, April 13 (scheduled like a Friday) – Conclusion
   
   ● **Mini-Test**
   
   ● Course evaluation survey
   
   *Readings:* TBA