

Philosophy 183

Topics in Continental Philosophy

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 and by apt.

Gadamer's Truth and Method

Class Schedule (Subject to Adjustment)

1. Propaedeutic: Culture and Art

Monday	April 1	First Meeting	
Wednesday	April 3	Method & <i>Bildung</i> (Culture)	3-17
Friday	April 5	<i>Sensus Communis</i> & Taste	17-36
Monday	April 8	Kant on Taste	37-49
Wednesday	April 10	Kant on Genius & <i>Erlebnis</i> (Experience)	49-61
Fri	April 12	Critique of <i>Bildung</i> & Aesthetic Cons.	70-101
Monday	April 15	Play & Structure	102- 119
Wednesday	April 17	Temporality & The Tragic	119 - 130
Friday	April 19	Pictures, Decoration, Literature	130 - 171

Two-page Paper Due in class: **Friday April 19**

2. Hermeneutics and the Human Sciences

Monday	April 22	Romantic Hermeneutics	175 - 195
Wednesday	April 25	Ranke & Droysen	195 - 214
Friday	April 27	Dilthey I	214 - 225
Monday	April 29	Dilthey II	225 - 235
Wednesday	May 1	Husserl & Count York	235- 267
Friday	May 3	The Hermeneutic Circle	268 - 278
Monday	May 6	Authority and Tradition	278 - 291
Wednesday	May 8	Temporal Distance	291 - 299
Friday	May 10	The History of Effects	299 - 306
Monday	May 13	Application	306 - 321
Wednesday	May 15	Aristotle	310-321
Friday	May 17	The Hermeneutics of Law	321 - 336
Monday	May 20	Limitations of Reflective Philosophy	336 - 341
Wednesday	May 22	Hermeneutic Experience	341- 355
Friday	May 24	Platonic Dialectic	356 - 383

Two-page paper due in class **Friday May 17**

3. Hermeneutics and Language

Monday	May 27	No Class: Memorial Day	
Wednesday	May 29	Hermeneutic Object & Hermeneutic Act	385-406
Friday	May 31	Logos and Verbum	406 -436
Monday	June 3	Experience of the world	436 - 452
Wednesday	June 5	Medium and Speculative Structure	453-469
Friday	June 7	Universal Aspect	469-493

Five-page paper due in class: **Friday, June 7**

Review Session: Monday June 9 7:00-9:00 H&SS 7077
Final Exam: Thursday June 13 11:30 – 2:30 am

Required Text

Gadamer *Truth and Method 2nd Revised Edition* Continuum

Book can be purchased online (e.g. from Amazon). Be sure to get the edition listed (NOT: the first edition).

Requirements

Regular attendance, class participation, one in-class exam, two 2-page papers, one 5-page Paper final examination. *All work must be completed to receive a passing final grade.*

Papers

Topics will be assigned in class. Due dates subject to revision. Students are required to hand in a hard copy in class on due date *and* to submit an identical copy electronically to [http:// www.turnitin.com](http://www.turnitin.com). Class ID 6313750. Password: classpass123 (no caps, one word). **All work must be turned in to Turnit.com to receive a passing final grade.**

Extensions will be granted when circumstances warrant *provided arrangements are made with the instructor at least 24 hours in advance*. There are no automatic extensions. It is better to ask for an extension sooner rather than later. Except in unusual circumstances (e.g. medical emergencies, a disaster that strikes the student or the immediate family), unexcused late papers are subject to the penalty of being dropped at least one letter grade e.g. B>C.

Interpretations or ideas borrowed, directly or indirectly, from secondary sources or other people (apart from the instructor but including fellow students) must be footnoted. Any use of web-based material must be footnoted. Anything else is plagiarism and will be treated as such. Students are encouraged to discuss paper topics but must write the papers **alone**.

Students are responsible for making and keeping an extra copy of their paper in case the original is lost.

Grade Weights

2-Page Papers	30% (15+15)
5- Papers	30%
Final	40 %
Total	100%

Participation 10 possible bonus points. Class participation can only bring grades *up*, never down.

Grade Range

Papers in Philosophy 183 are not graded on a curve. Each student can in principle receive an A. The same holds true for less desirable grades.

The minimal standard of performance for a grade of P shall be the same as that for a grade of C- (including a C- on the final).

Other Information

Students are expected to have read the material in advance, to bring the text, and to be prepared discuss it in class.

The Academic Honor Code must be observed in this course. Cheating will not be tolerated. Anyone caught cheating will receive an automatic F for the course and be referred to the ADHB for disciplinary action.

If accommodations are needed for a disability or religious reasons, please notify the instructor during the first class week. If accommodations are needed for a disability or religious reasons, please notify the instructor during the first class week. Students encountering personal difficulties that interfere with course work should communicate with the instructor as soon as possible.