Phil 190: Hegel’s Logic
Fall, 2014

Tuesday and Thursday, 2–3:45pm, Cowell Acad 223

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Course Requirements
Attendance and participation in seminar (10%); two short (2-3 page) re-
sponse/analysis papers, due Tuesday, November 4 and Tuesday, November
25 (15% each); take home final exam, due Tuesday, December 16 (60%);
optionally, students may choose to write a final paper (approximately 10–15
pages) in place of the take home final, on a topic to be discussed in ad-
vance with the instructor. Exams and papers are due, as an attachment, via
the “Assignments” tool on eCommons (preferably in PDF, MSWord, RTF,
\LaTeX, or plain text; if you prefer another format, please let me know).

Texts
G.W.F. Hegel, The Encyclopaedia Logic, tr. T.F. Geraets, W.A. Suchting,

The above text should be available at the Literary Guillotine and will be
placed on reserve at McHenry.
Also on reserve at McHenry will be the longer *Science of Logic* and the other two parts of the *Encyclopedia* (the *Philosophy of Nature* and the *Philosophy of Spirit*). Be warned that the translations of these latter works are substandard (even by the low standards of philosophy translation).

**Readings**

Thursday, October 2: no required reading, first class; but recommended: Translators’ Introduction (by Geraets and Harris), pp. xiii–xxxii, and Suchting’s objections, pp. xxxii–xlviii (this is very entertaining, as well as informative — at least, if you’re as easily entertained as I am).


Thursday, October 9: **no class** due to the first day of Sukkot.

Tuesday, October 14: More Precise Conception and Division of the *Logic* (§§79–83), pp. 125–34.

Thursday, October 16: **no class** due to Shemini Atzeret.

**The Doctrine of Being**

Monday, October 20: Intro. and Being (§§84–8), pp. 135–45. At the usual time (2pm) in Humanities 1, room 400. This class will be videotaped, for those unable to attend.


**The Doctrine of Essence**


Tuesday, November 11: No class (Veterans Day)

Thursday, November 13: first part of Actuality (§§142–49), pp. 213–25\footnote{Note it is not exactly clear that the end of this reading marks a natural stopping point in the text (the structure of the chapter on Actuality is confusing, as we will discuss).}


The Doctrine of the Concept


Thursday, November 27: No class (Thanksgiving)


Tuesday, December 16: take home final exam (or final paper) due.