

Phil 190: Hegel's Logic
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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) response/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 advance with the instructor. Exams and papers are due, as an attachment, via the “Assignments” tool on eCommons (preferably in PDF, MSWord, RTF, L^AT_EX, 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, and H.S. Harris (Hackett) (ISBN: 0872200701).

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–xxxi, and Suchting's objections, pp. xxxii–xlvi (this is very entertaining, as well as informative — at least, if you're as easily entertained as I am).

Tuesday, October 7: Translators' Preface, pp. vii–ix; start of the Preliminary Conception (§§19–25), *without* Additions (*Zusätze*), pp. 45–65.

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.

Tuesday, October 21: Being-There and Being-for-Itself (§§89–98), pp. 145–57.

Thursday, October 23: Quantity (§§97–106), pp. 157–69.

Tuesday, October 28: Measure (§§107–111), pp. 170–74.

The Doctrine of Essence

Thursday, October 30: Intro. and Pure Determinations of Reflection (§§112-22), pp. 175–92.

Tuesday, November 4: Existence and Thing (§§123-30), pp. 192–9. **First short paper due.**

Thursday, November 6: Appearance (§§131–41), pp. 199–213.

Tuesday, November 11: **No class (Veterans Day)**

Thursday, November 13: first part of Actuality (§§142–49), pp. 213–25.¹

Tuesday, November 18: Relationships of Substantiality, Causality, and Reciprocal Action (§§150–59), pp. 225–35.

The Doctrine of the Concept

Thursday, November 20: Intro. and Concept as Such (§§160–65), pp. 236–43.

Tuesday, November 25: Judgment (§§166–80), pp. 243–56. **Second short paper due.**

Thursday, November 27: **No class (Thanksgiving)**

Tuesday, December 2: Syllogism (§§181–93) pp. 256–71.

Thursday, December 4: Object (§§194–212), pp. 272–286.

Tuesday, December 9: Intro. to Idea, Life, and Cognition (§§213–35), pp. 286–303.

¹Note 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).

Thursday, December 11: Absolute Idea (§§236–44), pp. 303–7.

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