

Required Texts:

On the Genealogy of Morality, Friedrich Nietzsche (Hackett Publishing 1998)

The Gay Science, Friedrich Nietzsche (Cambridge 2001)

Madness and Civilization, Michel Foucault (Vintage 1978)

Additional texts will be provided in .pdf format

Excerpts from *The History of Sexuality Vol. 1*, Michel Foucault

Excerpts from *Discipline and Punish*, Michel Foucault

Excerpts from *Abnormal*

Excerpts from *Psychiatric Power*

"Nietzsche, Genealogy, History," Michel Foucault

"I am simply a Nietzschean" by Hans Sluga in *Foucault and Philosophy*, Timothy O'Leary and Christopher Falzon

Course Description:

In this Continental Philosophy course we will explore the practice of genealogy devised by Nietzsche and developed further by Foucault. Genealogy is the practice of showing the contingent development of concepts that are thought to have fixed or absolute meanings. Nietzsche begins the practice with his exploration of the meaning of value terms such as "Good" and "Evil." Foucault then takes up the practice to demonstrate contingencies of meaning in the areas of mental illness, carceral practice, and sexual and gender identity. In this course students will engage in detailed textual analysis to understand how genealogy is developed and employed as a philosophical technique in the 19th and 20th centuries.

Course Requirements:

Written work: First Paper 2-4 pages in length (25% of final grade)

Midterm exam (25% of final grade)

Final paper 3-5 pages in length (35% of final grade)

Class participation (15%)

Regular attendance at lectures is a course requirement; failure to attend lecture may result in failing the course. Participation in discussion at lectures is also class requirement. No free riders!

Office Hours and Messages:

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Schedule of Lectures and Readings:

Week 1: The Genealogy of Morality

First Meeting: First Treatise "Good and Evil," "Good and Bad"

Second Meeting: Second Treatise, "Guilt," "Bad Conscience" and related matters

Week 2: Foucault's Interpretation of the Genealogical Method

First Meeting: "Nietzsche, Genealogy, History"

Second Meeting: Selections from *The Gay Science* relating to Foucault's discussion in "Nietzsche, Genealogy, History"

And "I am Simply a Nietzschean"

Week 3: Sovereign and Disciplinary Power in the History of Western Society

First Meeting: *Discipline and Punish* pages 3-69

Second Meeting: *Discipline and Punish* pages 195-228

Week 4: Regulatory Power and the Constitution of the Subject

First Meeting: *The History of Sexuality Vol. 1* pages 1-51

Second Meeting: *The History of Sexuality Vol.* pages 103 -155

Week 5: Concepts in the Psychological Sciences

First Meeting: *Madness and Civilization* Chapters 2, 6, 8, 9

Second Meeting: Selections from *Psychiatric Power* and *Abnormal*