

PHIL 304: Nineteenth Century Philosophy
(Variations/Reflections on the theme of Progressive Development in the Secular World)
Instructor: Professor Clark Butler
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Room: 130c

FIRST HALF OF SEMESTER

THE RISE OF GERMAN IDEALISM

1. The German Enlightenment and the Rise of German Romanticism. Lecture and handouts.
2. Kant
3. Fichte.
4. Schelling.
5. Hegel

FRENCH IDEALISM (*PHILOSOPHIE DE L'ESPRIT*)

6. Maine de Biran, Victor Cousin

BRITISH IDEALISM

7. Bradley, McTaggart, Bosanquet.

HEGEL: THE AFTERMATH

9. Schopenhauer
10. Existentialism (Schelling, Kierkegaard, Nietzsche)
11. Materialism (Feuerbach, Marx)
12. Pragmatism (Peirce)
13. Phenomenology (Brentano)
14. Analytic Philosophy (Russell)

RISE OF THE POSITIVE SCIENCES

15. Comte.
16. Mach
17. Darwin
18. Neo-Kantianism
19. Inductive Metaphysics (Lotze, Fechner).

BRITISH UTILITARIANISM

Treated in ethics courses, not in this course.

Students will be graded 50% on the basis of two essay tests. The first test is on the rise of objective idealism. The second is on the aftermath of objective idealism. In these tests they will be tested on their knowledge, not only of the philosophers in general, but of specific *works* discussed in class and of historical lines of influence between them. The basic unit of the history of philosophy is the work. Put simply, the course is about the path up to and beyond Hegel, who will be treated as the greatest philosopher of the 19th century. The other 50% of the grade is based on six-page term paper whittled down from

a longer draft. The subject of the paper must show a knowledge Hegel in relation to some other 19th century philosopher.