

Tutorial: Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*

Fall 2015

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Course Introduction

This course will take the form of a close study of Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*, accompanied by Hyppolite's classic commentary, *Genesis and Structure of Hegel's Phenomenology of Spirit*. It will aim to cover as much of the text as is compatible with a close and attentive reading (provisionally the entire text).

Student Assessment

The tutorial will meet once per week, normally on Wednesdays at 11:30. In addition to reading and discussing, there will be a written component consisting of a weekly reading journal (to be compiled after each discussion) and a final reflection paper.

Course Goals

Upon completing this course, the student will be able to

- Follow a complex philosophical argument, both in the broad strokes and on a more fine-grained level.
- Make appropriate use of secondary literature as a way of enhancing rather than replacing a direct understanding of a challenging text.
- Give an account of the overall aim and approach of Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*.
- Give a more detailed account of particular famous passages (e.g., the master-slave dialectic, the reading of *Antigone*, the "beautiful soul")

Tentative Course Schedule

August 26: Hegel, Preface (pp. 1-45)

September 2: Hegel, Introduction (pp. 46-57); Hyppolite, Part I

September 9: Hegel, "Consciousness" (pp. 58-103) [*Note*: From here on, each reading should be accompanied by the parallel section in Hyppolite's commentary.]

September 16: Hegel, "Self-Consciousness" (pp. 104-138)

September 23: Hegel, "Reason," up to V.A.b. (pp. 139-185)

September 30: Hegel, "Reason," V.A.c.-V.B. (pp. 185-235)

October 7: Hegel, "Reason," V.C. (pp. 236-262)

October 14: Hegel, "Spirit," VI.A. (pp. 263-294)

October 21: Hegel, "Spirit," VI.B.I (pp. 294-328)

October 28: Hegel, "Spirit," VI.B.II-III. (pp. 328-363)

November 4: Hegel, "Spirit," VI.C. (pp. 364-409)

November 11: Hegel "Religion," VII.A-B. (pp. 410-453)

November 18: Hegel, "Religion," VII.C. through end (pp. 453-493)

All writing due by 5pm Central Time on Friday, November 27