

PHILOSOPHY 314  
19<sup>th</sup> Century Philosophy: Nietzsche in Context

PHIL 314  
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Tues., Wed., Fri.: 12:30-1:20  
Clearihue A203

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### Course Objectives

A founding figure of our intellectual epoch, Nietzsche's language is lofty, ennobling, excessive and notoriously opaque. How are we to understand him, then?

We will read Nietzsche in the context of the philosophy of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century, from his roots in Schopenhauer and Emerson, and his disdain for socialist movements to the conception and development of his extraordinary notions of the Will to Power, the Overman and Eternal Return, Genealogy, Art and Life. We will read *The Birth of Tragedy* and *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* through *Beyond Good and Evil* and *Genealogy of Morals* to *Ecce Homo*. We will delight in the enigmatic force of his language and endeavor to comprehend him on his own terms, as profoundly as possible.

Readings will undoubtedly be difficult and class attendance necessary. As with all great adventures, what you take away will depend on what you put in. Graded work will include one in-class midterm, one short exegetical paper, and a final paper.

**TEXTS:** In the Bookstore: *Basic Writings of Nietzsche*, trans. Kaufmann, Modern Library, 2000  
[Includes: *Birth of Tragedy*, *Genealogy of Morals*, *Beyond Good and Evil* & *Ecce Homo*.]  
  
*Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, trans. Graham Parkes, Oxford Univ. Press, 2008.

Additional Material will be posted on the Moodle course site and available on Reserve in the Library.

**Assignments**

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| Class Participation:   | 10%        |
| In-Class Midterm Exam: | 25%        |
| Short Paper            | 25%        |
| Final Term paper:      | <u>40%</u> |
|                        | 100%       |

Percentages will convert to a letter grade according to the following scheme:

A+ = 90-100 B+ = 77-

Late Assignments

Papers will be accepted without penalty *up to one class period* after the deadline. Papers submitted after the date may be returned with a grade only (no comments). *No papers will be accepted more than 7 days after the deadline.* Exceptions will be made only in cases of illness and personal crisis, a request for which must be received by me in writing before the deadline.

**Academic Misconduct:** Academic integrity requires commitment to honesty, trust,







Week Twelve – *How One Becomes What One Is*

- 21 Why I am so Wise  
Read: *Ecce Homo*, Part I
- 22 Why I am so Clever  
Read: *Ecce Homo*, Part II
- 24 Why I Write Such Good Books  
Read: *Ecce Homo*, Parts III & IV

**Week Thirteen The Nietzsche Legacy**

- 28 F[ ~ &œ |œ G^} ^æ[ \* ^  
Readings TBA
- 29 Foucault & Nietzsche  
Readings TBA
- 31 Feminist Nietzsche  
Readings TBA

**Week Fourteen *Dionysian Revelries***

- April 1 No Class (*Easter Monday*)
- 4 Last Class

**\*\*April 17<sup>th</sup> FINAL PAPERS DUE\*\***