

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** From Hegel to Marx

**Course Number and Section:**

PHILOSOP

3048G 550

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### Course Description:

In this course we explore the intellectual tradition of “dialectical” critical philosophy, from GWF Hegel, through Ludwig Feuerbach, to Karl Marx. This tradition originated in Germany in the 19th century, inspired by Hegel’s hope that philosophy could be a “science of freedom.” In the two centuries since it emerged, however, it has expanded into a global tradition of critical social theory, having entered into dialogue with liberation movements and social-scientific research programs on every continent. Our emphasis will be on developing a clear understanding and a critical appreciation of Hegel’s “objective idealism” and Marx’s “historical materialism,” supplemented with a brief look at Feuerbach’s “humanistic” critique of religion, which played an important role in the “materialist” reception of Hegel in Germany. The idea that critical thought, as it interacts with struggles against oppression and exploitation, can be a force for human self-liberation will be the central theme of the course.

### Learning Outcomes:

Ability to read carefully, understand, and speak and write effectively about Hegel and Marx

Ability to think, speak, and write effectively about philosophical debates in Germany in the 19th century

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

All texts are available on Brightspace, in electronic versions (or URLs), accessible at no monetary cost.

### Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Short Essay on Hegel	02/13/2025	25%
Short Essay on Marx	04/03/2025	35%
Final Exam		30%
Attendance & Participation		10%

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