Course Objective
This course explores some of the most significant writings by Karl Marx, Friedrich Nietzsche, and Sigmund Freud, three authors who have radically shaped much of modern thinking. We will practice the analysis of theoretical texts from the modern European intellectual tradition and, in doing so, will develop a critical, theoretically informed vocabulary.

Requirements and Assignments
You must read all texts by the day they are assigned. Please be prepared to actively participate in class discussion. Remember to always bring the assigned reading along to class.

Instructions and topics for the papers will be posted on Moodle a week prior to their due dates. All papers are to be submitted by electronic upload to the course Moodle by 2:30 p.m. on the date they are due.

Attendance
Attendance will be taken. If you have a valid reason (illness, family emergency) not to attend, please let me know in advance by email. Each unexcused absence will reduce the attendance portion of your final grade by 5%. 8 or more unexcused absences are rewarded with a final grade of F.

Other Course Policies
• Please do not use any electronic devices in class
• Please print out all readings; read them on paper instead of on a screen
• Please don’t eat or nap in class

Grading
Attendance and participation: 20%
Midterm exam: 15%
Paper 1 (4 pages): 15%
Paper 2 (6 pages): 20%
Paper 3 (8 pages): 30%
Grading Scale:

- 98-100% = A+
- 94-97% = A
- 90-93% = A-
- 88-89% = B+
- 84-87% = B
- 80-83% = B-
- 78-79% = C+
- 74-77% = C
- 70-73% = C-
- 68-69% = D+
- 64-67% = D
- 60-63% = D-
- 58-59% = E+
- 54-57% = E
- 50-53% = E-
- 0-49% = F

Disability Resources

If you believe that you need accommodations for a disability, please contact Dean Patey in Disability Resources, located in North College, Room 021, or call 860-685-2332 for an appointment to discuss your needs and the process for requesting accommodations.

Required Books: please use only the assigned editions (available at Broad Street Books)


All other readings are on Moodle

Schedule

Thursday, January 22

Introduction to the course: Nietzsche: “The Madman” [handout]

**Interpretation**

Tuesday, January 27


Thursday, January 29

Freud: *The Joke and Its Relation to the Unconscious*, part A (pp. 1-112)

Tuesday, February 3

Freud: *The Joke and Its Relation to the Unconscious*, parts B and C vi (pp. 113-174)

Thursday, February 5

**Subject**

**Tuesday, February 10**
Marx: *Economic and Philosophical Manuscripts of 1844* (in Marx/Engels Reader, pp. 67-101)

**Thursday, February 12**
Nietzsche: *Beyond Good and Evil*: “Preface” and “On the Prejudices of Philosophers”
[Moodle] **Paper 1 due**

**Tuesday, February 17**
Nietzsche: *Beyond Good and Evil*: “On the Prejudices of Philosophers” [Moodle]

**Thursday, February 19**
Freud: “Beyond the Pleasure Principle” [Moodle]

**History**

**Tuesday, February 24**

**Thursday, February 26**

**Tuesday, March 3:**
Marx: “The Eighteenth Brumaire of Louis Bonaparte” (in Marx/Engels Reader, pp. 594-617)

**Thursday, March 5:** **Midterm Exam**

**Tuesday, March 24**
Nietzsche: *On the Utility and Liability of History for Life*, chapters 1-6 [Moodle]

**Thursday, March 26**
Nietzsche: *On the Utility and Liability of History for Life*, chapters 7-10 [Moodle]

**Tuesday, March 31**
Freud: *Civilization and its Discontents*, chapters 1-5

**Thursday, April 2**
Freud: *Civilization and its Discontents*, chapters 6-8
Religion/Morality

Tuesday, April 7

Thursday, April 9
  Freud: Moses the Man and Monotheistic Religion, parts 1 and 2 (in Mass Psychology and Other Writings)

Tuesday, April 14
  Freud: Moses the Man and Monotheistic Religion, part 3 (in Mass Psychology and Other Writings)

Thursday, April 16
  Nietzsche: On the Genealogy of Morality, preface and treatise 1

Tuesday, April 21
  Nietzsche: On the Genealogy of Morality, treatise 2

Politics/Society

Thursday, April 23
  Nietzsche: On the Genealogy of Morality, treatise 3

Tuesday, April 28
  Freud: “Mass Psychology and the Analysis of the ‘I’” (in Mass Psychology and Other Writings)

Thursday, April 30
  Marx: Capital, part I (in Marx/Engels Reader, pp. 302-329)

Tuesday, May 5
  Marx: “Crisis Theory” (in Marx/Engels Reader, pp. 443-465)

Final paper due Wednesday, May 13, 2:30 PM