

**HISTORY OF MODERN PHILOSOPHY  
KANT TO SARTRE**

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The publication of Kant's *Critique of Pure Reason* in 1781 completely changed the direction of philosophy. In this work, major assumptions made by philosophers regarding the nature of human experience and philosophical method were subjected to a critical reevaluation. In this regard, Kant introduced a new way of approaching philosophy and philosophical questions. Our first task in this course will be to make sense of this change and what it meant for philosophers that came after Kant. In so doing, our primary focus will be on 19<sup>th</sup> century Continental philosophy, especially the work of Hegel. We will then use Hegel and others as the basis for our investigation of 20<sup>th</sup> century phenomenology and existentialism.

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**Textbooks** – *The Voyage of Discovery: The Modern Voyage 1400-1900*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition  
William F. Lawhead (Wadsworth, 2002) (Required)

*The Voyage of Discovery: The Contemporary Voyage*. 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition  
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**Assignments** - 4 essays (25% each) = 100% of final grade.

Each essay will be approximately 1200 to 1500 words.

Note: The essay due dates are listed on the course syllabus and the instructor reserves the right to not accept essays that come in after the assigned due date.

## SYLLABUS

1. January 5<sup>th</sup>      **Course Introduction.**
2. January 12<sup>th</sup>      **Kant**  
Readings: *The Modern Voyage*, pp. 325 -345.  
Coursepack – *Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysic Critique of Pure Reason* (excerpts)
3. January 19<sup>th</sup>      **Kant (continued)**
4. January 26<sup>th</sup>      **Fichte**  
Readings: *The Modern Voyage*, pp. 347-358  
Coursepack – *Vocation of Man* (excerpt)
5. February 2<sup>nd</sup>      **Hegel**  
Readings: *The Modern Voyage*, pp. 360 -377.  
Coursepack – *Phenomenology of Spirit Introduction* (excerpt)
6. February 9<sup>th</sup>      **Hegel**  
Readings: Coursepack - *Phenomenology of Spirit Sense Certainty; Self Certainty* (excerpts)
7. February 23<sup>rd</sup>      **Schopenhauer**  
Readings: Coursepack – *The World as Will and Representation.* (excerpt)
8. March 2<sup>nd</sup>      **Kierkegaard**  
Readings: *The Modern Voyage*, pp. 399 – 414  
Coursepack – *Concluding Unscientific Postscript* (excerpt)
9. March 9<sup>th</sup>      **Nietzsche**  
Readings: *The Modern Voyage*, pp. 416- 431  
Coursepack – *Beyond Good and Evil* (excerpt)
10. March 16<sup>th</sup>      **Nietzsche**  
Readings: Coursepack – *Thus Spake Zarathustra Twilight of the Idols* (excerpt)

- 11. March 23<sup>rd</sup>**      **Husserl & Heidegger**  
Readings: *The Contemporary Voyage*, pp. 453 -458,  
pp. 527 - 533  
Coursepack – Husserl (excerpt)  
Heidegger – *What is Metaphysics?*
- 12. March 30<sup>th</sup>**      **Heidegger**  
Readings: *The Contemporary Voyage*, pp. 534 – 545  
Coursepack – *Being and Time* (excerpt)
- 13. April 6<sup>th</sup>**      **Sartre**  
Readings: *The Contemporary Voyage*, pp. 546 -553  
Coursepack – *Being and Nothingness* (excerpt)

**\*\*\*ASSIGNMENT DUE DATES\*\*\***

- First Essay – February 9<sup>th</sup> 2009**  
**Second Essay – March 2<sup>nd</sup> 2009**  
**Third Essay - March 30<sup>th</sup> 2009**  
**Fourth Essay – April 20<sup>th</sup> 2009**