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### **GER 275: German Cultural Studies Marx, Nietzsche, and Freud**

This is an introductory course to the thought of Karl Marx, Friedrich Nietzsche, and Sigmund Freud and their pioneering contributions to the understanding of the individual and society in modernity. Readings include selections from writings of the early Marx, the *Communist Manifesto*, and *Capital*, Nietzsche's critique of culture, academe, and nationalism, and Freud's theory of culture, his views on the psychopathology of everyday life, on the meaning of dreams, symptoms, the return of the repressed, and what it might mean to live in a free society.

#### **TEXTS:**

Sigmund Freud, *Civilization and its Discontents*, Norton, New York.

Karl Marx, *Selected Writings* (Hackett, 1994). ISBN: 978-0872202184

Friedrich Nietzsche, *On the Advantage and Disadvantage of History for Life*, Hackett, ISBN 0915144948

----- *On the Genealogy of Morality*. ed. Ansell-Pearson, Cambridge UP, 2nd student edition. ISBN 9780521691635

All books are available at The Bob Miller Book Room, 180 Bloor Street West, Lower Concourse, phone: (416) 922-3557

All other texts are posted on the course website on Blackboard.

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| 10 Jan | Introduction   |
| 17 Jan | <b>Marx, the concept of critique and critique of political economy</b><br>Marx, „A Contribution to the Critique...“ (Marx, <i>Selected Writings</i> , 27-39),<br>“Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts” (58-79) Theses on Feuerbach (98-101), <i>German Ideology</i> (102-131) |
| 24 Jan | <b>Marx, Critique of Capitalism</b><br>Marx and Engels, <i>The Communist Manifesto</i> (158-176), <i>Capital</i> , chapter on<br>“Commodity and its Fetishism” (216—243)   |
| 31 Jan | Marx, “Wage Labour and Capital” (Tucker 203-217)<br>Marx, <i>Capital</i> , “The Secret of Original Accumulation” (294-297)   |

- 7 Feb            **Nietzsche, Language, Metaphor, and Truth**  
Nietzsche, „On Truth and Lie in an Extra-Moral Sense“, *Gay Science* §§110-112 ff. and §125
- 14 Feb            **Nietzsche, On History**  
Nietzsche, „On the Advantage and Disadvantage of History“  
→ **First Exam due 17 February!**
- 21 Feb            Reading Week
- 28 Feb            **Nietzsche, Genealogy of Morality**  
Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morality*, read up to part II §12
- 7 Mar             Nietzsche, *On the Genealogy of Morality*, finish book
- 14 Mar            **Freud, The Talking Cure**  
Freud, *Five Lectures on Psychoanalysis* (1909 Clarke University Lectures)
- 21 Mar            Freud, from *Introductory Lectures to Psychoanalysis*: Dreams, Displacement, Dream Work, Symptoms, Resistance and Repression, Transference, and “Note on the Magic Writing Pad”  
→ **Second Exam due 24 March!**
- 28 Mar            **Freud on Culture and Society**  
Freud, *Civilization and its Discontents*
- 4 Apr             Review and Final Discussion

**MARKING SCHEME:**

Attendance and participation	10%
2 Take-Home Exams	45%
Final Examination	45%

**Papers due by electronic submission:**

You must submit the exams by uploading the files as Word file via the assignments link on the course Blackboard site, **with your name as the name of the file attached**, and your e-mail address (together with your name and student number) on the first page of the paper by noon on the day they are due.

**Late submission policy for papers:**

5% penalty for the first 24 hours after the deadline, and then for each additional day 3% up to a max. of 5 days.

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