This course examines the central issues and ideas of Hegel’s *Science of Logic* [1812/13, 1816]. In this work, Hegel presents the fundamental categories and structures of a post-critical metaphysics. Accordingly, we will explore the major topics of the work—being, essence, and concept—through a close reading of the text, with an underlying concern to set out and evaluate its overarching argumentative structure.

**TEXTS**

_I. Required_

G. W. F. Hegel, *The Science of Logic* (Cambridge, 9780521832557)

_II. Recommended_

G. W. F. Hegel, *Encyclopedia of the Philosophical Sciences in Outline and Other Critical Writings* (Continuum, 0826403409)

________, *Encyclopedia of the Philosophical Sciences in Basic Outline: Part I: Science of Logic* (Cambridge, 9780521829144)

**REQUIREMENTS**

_Autumn Quarter:_ One exegetical paper (5-7pp., 1500-2100 words), due at Noon, Friday, 29 November 2013

_Winter Quarter:_ One thematic paper (10-15pp., 3000-4500 words), due at Noon, Friday, 21 March 2014


RECOMMENDED SECONDARY SOURCES

I. GENERAL
______, Hegel (New York: Routledge, 2005)

II. SCIENCE OF LOGIC
______, A Commentary to Hegel’s Science of Logic (New York: Palgrave Macmillan, 2007)
Franco Cirulli, Hegel’s Critique of Essence: A Reading of the Wesenslogik (New York: Routledge, 2006)
Errol Harris, An Interpretation of the Logic of Hegel (Lanham, MD: University Press of America, 1983)
Justus Hartnack, An Introduction to Hegel’s Logic (Indianapolis, IN: Hackett Publishing Co., 1998)
Stephen Houlgate, The Opening of Hegel’s Logic: From Being to Infinity (West Lafayette, IN: Purdue University Press, 2005)
Béatrice Longuenesse, Hegel’s Critique of Metaphysics (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 2007)
James McTaggart, A Commentary on Hegel’s Logic (Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1910)
Richard Dien Winfield, From Concept to Objectivity: Thinking through Hegel’s Subjective Logic (Burlington, VT: Ashgate, 2006)
READING SCHEDULE

I. THE OBJECTIVE LOGIC:
BOOK ONE: THE DOCTRINE OF BEING & BOOK TWO: THE DOCTRINE OF ESSENCE

SEPTEMBER
12: Introduction: The Project of a Post-Critical Metaphysics
Friedrich Hölderlin, “Being Judgment Possibility” (1795) [on e-reserve]
The Science of Logic, Preface to the First Edition (1812) [Cambridge, 7-11] [Miller, 25-29]

[M, 43-64]
[Recommended: *Encyclopedia of the Philosophical Sciences* (1817), §§ 1-11; (1830), §§ 1-18 (Introduction)]

BOOK ONE: THE DOCTRINE OF BEING
26: With What Must the Beginning of Science Be Made? [C, 45-55]
[M, 67-78]
[Recommended: *Encyclopedia* (1817), §§ 12-37; (1830), §§ 19-83 (Preliminary Conception)]

OCTOBER
3: General Division of Being & Section I: Determinateness (Quality) [C, 56-60, 80-85, 88-105, 108-120, 126-128, 132-134, 135-137, 138-139, & 141-145]
[Recommended: *Encyclopedia* (1817), §§ 39-51; (1830), §§ 84-98]

10: Section II: Magnitude (Quantity) [C, 152-155, 165-166, 167-170, 182-186, 189-192, 201-204, 271-280]
[M, 185-186, 187-188, 199-200, 201-204, 217-221, 224-228, 238-240, 314-324]
[Recommended: *Encyclopedia* (1817), §§ 52-59; (1830), §§ 99-106]

17: Section III: Measure [C, 282-293, 294-296, 298-310, 318-320, 323-330, & 333-335]
[Recommended: *Encyclopedia* (1817), §§ 60-63; (1830), §§ 107-111]

24: **NO CLASS**

BOOK TWO: THE DOCTRINE OF ESSENCE
[Recommended: *Encyclopedia* (1817), §§ 64-74; (1830), §§ 112-130]

NOVEMBER
7: Section II: Appearance [C, 418-427, 429-434, 437-454, 455-462, & 463-464]
[M, 479-489, 490-496, 499-517, 518-526, & 527-528]
[Recommended: *Encyclopedia* (1817), §§ 75-90; (1830), §§ 131-141]

14: Section III: Actuality [C, 465-471 & 477-505]
[M, 529-536 & 541-571]
[Recommended: *Encyclopedia* (1817), §§ 91-108; (1830), §§ 142-159]

21: Final Discussion

29: **EXEGETICAL PAPER DUE** [FRIDAY, 29 NOVEMBER, 12:00 p.m.]
II. THE SUBJECTIVE LOGIC OR THE DOCTRINE OF THE CONCEPT

JANUARY
[M, 529-536 & 541-571]
[Recommended: Encyclopedia (1817), §§ 91-108; (1830), §§ 142-159]

16: Foreword, Of the Concept in General, & Division [C, 507-527]
[M, 575-597]
[Recommended: Encyclopedia (1817), §§ 109-111; (1830), §§ 160-162]

23: Section I: Subjectivity: Chapter 1 [The Concept] & Chapter 2 [Judgment] [C, 528-540 & 546-587]
[M, 599-612 & 618-663]
[Recommended: Encyclopedia (1817), §§ 112-128; (1830), §§ 163-180]

30: Section I: Subjectivity: Chapter 3 [The Syllogism] [C, 588-604 & 609-624]
[M, 664-681 & 686-704]
[Recommended: Encyclopedia (1817), §§ 129-139; (1830), §§ 181-193]

FEBRUARY
6: Section II: Objectivity: Chapter 1 [Mechanism] & Chapter 2 [Chemism] [C, 625-650]
[M, 705-734]
[Recommended: Encyclopedia (1817), §§ 140-152; (1830), §§ 194-203]

13: Section II: Objectivity: Chapter 3 [Teleology] [C, 651-669]
[M, 735-754]
[Recommended: Encyclopedia (1817), §§ 153-160; (1830), §§ 204-212]

20: Section III: The Idea: Chapter 1 [Life] [C, 670-688]
[M, 755-774]
[Recommended: Encyclopedia (1817), §§ 161-168; (1830), §§ 213-222]

27: Section III: The Idea: Chapter 2 [The Idea of Cognition] [C, 689-734]
[M, 775-823]
[Recommended: Encyclopedia (1817), §§ 169-182; (1830), §§ 223-235]

MARCH
6: Section III: The Idea: Chapter 3 [The Absolute Idea] [C, 735-753]
[M, 824-844]
[Recommended: Encyclopedia (1817), §§ 183-191; (1830), §§ 236-244]

[M, 31-42]

21: **THEMATIC PAPER DUE** [FRIDAY, 21 March, 12:00 p.m.]
A NOTE ON THE RECOMMENDED READING ASSIGNMENTS FROM THE ENCYCLOPEDIA

The texts from the Encyclopedia of the Philosophical Sciences have a structure that is important to understand so that the recommended readings from this text may be done properly. In both the first [1817] and third [1830] editions of this work, there is a main paragraph (designated by an ‘§’ or ‘#’; and these are often no longer than one sentence in German), followed by a short elaboration, typically referred to as ‘Remarks’ in English (Anmerkungen in German). To these, in the case of the 1830 version, the editors of earlier German editions have appended excerpts from student transcripts of Hegel’s lectures. These are referred to as ‘Additions’ in English (Zusätze in German).

The Behler/Taubeneck translation (Continuum) of the 1817 Encyclopedia, entitled, Encyclopedia of the Philosophical Sciences in Outline and Other Critical Writings, makes no distinction between Paragraphs and Remarks. As a general rule, if there are two English paragraphs under a German Paragraph number (designated by an ‘#’), then the second of the two is typically Hegel’s remark on the main (first) paragraph. No Additions were appended to this text.

The Brinkmann/Dahlstrom translation (Cambridge) of Part I (The Science of Logic) of the 1830 edition of the Encyclopedia clearly distinguishes between the Paragraphs, Remarks, and Additions.

Finally, please note that the recommended reading assignments refer only to the Paragraphs and the accompanying Remarks. The recommended assignments do not require reading the Additions. If you do choose to explore these passages though, I strongly advise that you examine them only after completing the assigned recommended reading, otherwise the line of argument that Hegel is developing over a set of paragraphs may be lost, and that you do so with the recognition that, as student transcripts of oral lectures, Hegel did not compose these passages, and most importantly, did not prepare them for publication. Consequently, they cannot be held to be Hegel’s “official position” on any matters that they discuss.