

## COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

### Class Meetings

Lectures and discussions will be held each Tuesday and Thursday 2:00 p.m. to 3:20 p.m. Readings must be completed **before** class, so that discussions can be wide-ranging and productive.

### Written Assignments

- **Midterm Written Assignment.** Each student shall write a midterm paper 5-7 double-spaced pages in length, which shall be submitted at the **beginning of class on Thursday, February 8, 2007**. A list of possible topics for the paper will be distributed one to two weeks before the paper is due.
- **Take-home Final Examination.** A take-home final examination based on the entire quarter's work will be distributed on or before Thursday, **March 8** and is due **between 3:00 9.m. and 5:59 p.m. on Thursday, March 22, 2007** in the room designated for the final exam.

The following statement must appear, **with your signature**, on the final page of all your written work:

"The above represents my own work in accordance with  
Academic Senate in accordance with Academic Senate  
guidelines on academic integrity."

If you wish to have your graded final examination available for pickup in a public accessible area of the Department of Political Science (301 Social Science Building), a signed Buckley Waiver must also appear on the front page of the examination.

### Grading

Class participation	25%	<b>(NOTE: All students are required to attend all class meetings.<sup>1</sup></b> This portion of the grade includes online contributions as well as "live" participation in discussions in the classroom). Students who are shy talking in front of others can take advantage of opportunities to contribute to the Yahoo! Group discussions. You can ask questions, answer questions posed by others, help plan review and other study sessions, etc. The point is that <i>active</i> , as opposed to passive, engagement with the material is much more conducive to learning and understanding any material.)
Midterm Paper	35%	
Final Take-Home Exam	40%	

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<sup>1</sup> The exception to this rule is in case of illness. If you are sick, please **do not** come to class and expose others to your illness. When you have recovered and return to class, bring a note from your doctor, and your absence will be excused.

- Week 6:** Week of Feb 13 Sorel's Reradicalization of Marxism  
Readings: Georges Sorel, *Reflections on Violence*
- Week 7:** Week of Feb 20 The Adaptation of Marxism to Russia  
Readings: In Tucker, ed., *The Lenin Anthology*:  
· "What Is To Be Done?" pp. 12-114  
· "Two Tactics of Social Democracy," pp. 120-147  
· "The State and Revolution," pp. 311-398
- Week 8:** Week of February 27 The Theory of Imperialism and the Revolution in the East  
Readings: Lenin, "Imperialism, the Highest Stage of Capitalism," in Tucker, ed., *Lenin Anthology*, pp. 204-274  
In the Reader, by Mao:  
· "On the Correct Handling of Contradictions Among the People," pp. 432-479  
· "On New Democracy"  
Marx, "On British Imperialism in India," pp. 653-664, in Tucker, ed., *Marx-Engels Reader*  
Hoston, *Marxism and the Crisis of Development in Prewar Japan*, chap. 4
- Week 9:** Week of March 6 Ideology, Hegemony, and Cultural Revolution  
Readings: Antonio Gramsci, *Prison Notebooks*, pp. 5-23, 206-276  
Lu Xun, "Diary of a Madman"  
Mao, "Reform Our Study," pp. 198-208  
Walter Adamson, *Hegemony and Revolution*, chap. 7  
Hoston, *Marxism and the Crisis of Development in Prewar Japan*, chap. 7  
**AND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING COMBINATIONS:**  
Althusser, "Ideology and Ideological State Apparatuses," in Louis Althusser, *Lenin and Philosophy and Other Essays*, with Fidel Castro, "History Will Absolve Me," in Castro, *Revolutionary Struggle*, pp. 164-220  
**OR**  
Hoston, "Marxism and National Socialism in Taishō Japan: The Thought of Takabatake Motoyuki"  
Hoston, "Emperor Nation, and the Transformation of Marxism in Prewar Japan The Case of Sano Manabu"
- Week 10:** Week of March 13 Marxism and the Problem of Colonialism  
Readings: "Return to the Source," in Cabral, *Return to the "Frantz Fanon, *Wretched of the Earth**

**SCHEDULE OF LECTURES AND READINGS:**

- Week 1:** Jan 9 Course Introduction  
Jan 11 Legitimacy and Revolution in Western Political Thought  
Readings: In Tucker, ed., *Marx-Engels Reader*,  
· "Preface to a Critique of Political Economy," pp. 3-6  
· "For a Ruthless Criticism of Everything Existing," pp. 12-15
- Week 2:** Week of Jan 16 The Roots of Marxism in Western Political Thought  
Readings: Rousseau, *A Discourse on Inequality*
- Week 3:** Week of Jan 23 Hegel's *Philosophy of Right* and Marx as a  
Neo-Hegelian  
Readings: In Tucker, ed., *Marx-Engels Reader*:  
· "Preface" to A Critique of Hegel's Philosophy of Right", pp. 16-25  
· "Contribution to the Critique of Hegel's *Philosophy of Right*:  
Introduction," pp. 53-65  
· "On the Jewish Question," pp. 26-52  
· "Economic and Philosophic Manuscripts," pp. 66-125  
· "Theses on Feuerbach," pp. 143-145  
· "The German Ideology," pp. 146-200  
· "Wage Labour and Capital," pp. 203-217  
· "The Grundrisse," pp. 221-293  
· "Working Class Manchester," pp. 579-585
- Week 4:** Week of January 30 The Critique of Capitalist Society  
Readings: In Tucker, ed., *Marx-Engels Reader*:  
· "Excerpts from *Capital*," pp. 294-442  
· "The Communist Manifesto," pp. 469-500  
· "Critique of the Gotha Program," pp. 525-541
- Week 5:** February 6 German Social Democracy and the Rise of  
the Mass Movement in 19<sup>th</sup>-Century Germany  
Eduard Bernstein, *Evolutionary Socialism*

**MIDTERM PAPER DUE IN CLASS THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8**



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In this course, we will analyze major themes in Marxist political thought, from its roots in Western Europe in the work of John Locke, Jean-Jacques Rousseau, and G. W. F. Hegel to its elaboration by twentieth-century thinker-activists in Asia, Africa, and Latin America. Emphasis will be placed on the position of Marx's and Engels's conception of politics as an outgrowth of the tradition of "modern" Western political thought. We will examine Marxism as it emerged in response to the changing socio-economic setting of Western Europe and conclude with an assessment of how effectively non-European theorists adapted Marxism to their own national contexts. We will conclude by assessing the continued relevance of the Marxian paradigm of development and revolutionary change in the post-industrial world of the 21st century. Students enrolled in the course are not expected to have a background in the subject matter, although those who have studied political theory and/or world history will find that experience helpful.

As all required readings are available on reserve at Geisel Library. For those who desire the convenience of having their own copies of the materials, the reader will be available for purchase in class the first two weeks of class through the services of University Readers (Tel: 800.200.3908/858.552.1120; <http://www.universityreaders.com>). In addition, the following books are been ordered for purchase at Groundwork Books Cooperative.

Fanon Fanon, *Wretched of the Earth* (Grove Press)

Robert C. Tucker, ed., *The Lenin Anthology* (W. W. Norton)

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