

## PHIL 4429: FREUD AND PHILOSOPHY

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### Course Description:

The first half of the semester will be dedicated to a chronological reading of Freudian texts. We will examine (1) Freud's and Breuer's first formulation of the nature and etiology of hysteria (*Studies on Hysteria*), (2) Freud's groundbreaking work in dream interpretation and the nature of unconscious processes (*Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis*), (3) Freud's attempt to apply his novel theory of unconscious mechanisms to cultural anthropology as well as individual psychology (*Totem and Taboo*), and (4) the implications of the ongoing revisions in Freud's classification of the drives (*The Ego and the Id*, *Beyond the Pleasure Principle*, *Civilization and Its Discontents*).

In the second half of the semester, we will survey the developments which have taken place in psychoanalytic theory and practice since Freud's day, including some of the more creative and philosophically fruitful readings of Freud. We will work with primary sources selected from the following: Anna Freud, Melanie Klein, David Winnicott, Herbert Marcuse, Jacques Lacan, and Rene Girard. We close with a return to Freud and to questions that preoccupied him in the final decade of his life!

<b>Requirements:</b>	*Reading Questions on Canvas	20%
	Close reading: Analysis of a Freudian text	15%
	Mid-term examination, objective and essay,	25%
	Marcuse paper, 3-4 pages, typed	15%
	Final examination	25%

\*Note on Reading Questions: These are relatively formal, i.e. please attend to the clarity of your answers. Please write in complete sentences and use correct punctuation. Be sure to write in your own words or, if quoting from the reading, provide source and page, in parenthesis, always. Responses will be graded by letter grade.

Attendance is important—your preparation and informed participation are key—and more than two unexcused absences will result in a lowering of the final grade, by one grade increment for each unexcused absence. (A to A-; A- to B+, etc.).

Academic integrity is vital and required. Please consult the university's policy on academic integrity at <http://www.bc.edu/schools/cas/polisci/integrity.html>.

**Required Texts:** (available through bookstore)

Freud, Sigmund	<i>Studies on Hysteria</i> (Penguin) <i>Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis</i> (Norton) <i>Totem and Taboo</i> (Norton) <i>Beyond the Pleasure Principle</i> (Broadview Press) <i>Civilization and Its Discontents</i> (Broadview)
Klein, Melanie	<i>The Selected Melanie Klein</i>
Marcuse, Herbert	<i>Eros and Civilization</i>

## Schedule of Readings:

Thursday	1/28	Introduction Biography of Freud; Origins of Psychoanalysis; Freud and Philosophy
Tuesday	2/2	Early work on repression and the origin of the neuroses: >S. Freud, <i>Studies On Hysteria</i> : Part One (entire) and Part Four (section 2 to end of text)
Thursday	2/4	>S. Freud, <i>Studies on Hysteria</i> , Part Two, #4: Case of Katharina; “Screen Memories” (pdf)
Tuesday	2/9	>S. Freud, “The Psychical Mechanism of Forgetfulness,” (pdf) and >S. Freud, <i>Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis</i> , Chapters V and VI
Thursday	2/11	Dream Interpretation, continued:  >S. Freud, <i>Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis</i> , Part Two, chapters VII, IX, XI; “Irma’s Dream” from <i>The Interpretation of Dreams</i>
Tuesday	2/16	Origins of the Moral Law: Ambivalence and the Oedipal Complex:  >S. Freud, <i>Totem and Taboo</i> I and II
Thursday	2/18	>S. Freud, <i>Totem and Taboo</i> , III and IV, selections
Tuesday	2/23	The Theory of the Drives:  >S. Freud, <i>Beyond the Pleasure Principle</i> , I-III  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Paper close reading: <i>Totem and Taboo</i>, Conscience and the Oedipal Complex</b>
Thursday	2/25	>S. Freud, <i>Beyond the Pleasure Principle</i> , V-VII
Tuesday	3/2	>S. Freud, <i>Civilization and Its Discontents</i> , I - IV
Thursday	3/4	No class (Wednesday schedule)
Tuesday	3/9	>S. Freud, <i>Civilization and Its Discontents</i> , V – VII Study Questions
Thursday	3/11	Mid-Term Exam
Tuesday	3/16	Ego psychology: >Anna Freud, <i>The Ego and the Mechanisms of Defense</i> , Part I, chs. 1-3

Thursday	3/18	> <i>The Ego and the Mechanisms of Defense</i> , continued, Part I, chs. 4-5
Tuesday	3/23	Object relations theory: Melanie Klein >“Notes on some Schizoid Mechanisms” in <i>The Selected Klein</i>
Thursday	3/25	>Klein, “Envy and Gratitude,” in <i>The Selected Klein</i>
Tuesday	3/30	Winnicott and the Transitional Object >“Transitional Objects and Transitional Phenomena”
Thursday	4/1	>Winnicott, “Ego Distortion in Terms of True and False Self”
Tuesday	4/6	>Marcuse, <i>Eros and Civilization</i> , 1-2
Thursday	4/8	>Marcuse, <i>Eros and Civilization</i> 3-4
Tuesday	4/13	>Marcuse, <i>Eros and Civilization</i> 7, 10, 11
Thursday	4/15	Jacques Lacan, >“The Mirror Stage as Formative of the I Function” (pdf) <b>Reflection Paper, Herbert Marcuse</b>
Tuesday	4/20	Bruce Fink, >Chapter 5, “The Dialectic of Desire,” in <i>A Clinical Introduction to Lacanian Analysis</i> (pdf)
Thursday	4/22	Bruce Fink, >Chapter 10, “From Desire to Jouissance,” in <i>A Clinical Introduction</i> , (pdf)
Tuesday	4/27	>S. Freud, <i>Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego</i>
Thursday	4/29	>S. Freud, <i>Group Psychology and the Analysis of the Ego</i>
Tuesday	5/4	>S. Freud, <i>Moses and Monotheism, Book III, Part I, A,B,C</i>
Thursday.	5/6	>S. Freud, <i>Moses and Monotheism, Book III, Part I,D,E, and Part II</i>
<b>FINAL EXAM</b>		<b>Tuesday, May 11, 12:30 p.m.</b>