I. Course Outline:

The course is a seminar on Hegel's philosophy, focusing on his logic and metaphysics. The course will begin with a brief introduction to German Idealism in general and Hegel in particular, which will occupy the first two to three weeks. After the first few lectures, the course will be conducted in seminar format. Students are required to give presentations and participate actively in discussion. Texts are selected from Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit*, *Science of Logic* and *Encyclopaedic Logic*. Students are expected to have good knowledge of Western philosophy in general and Kant in particular. Reading materials are mostly in English, but class discussion will be conducted mainly in Cantonese; knowledge of German is not required, but will be an advantage.

*Warning from Bertrand Russell: "Hegel's philosophy is very difficult - he is, I should say, the hardest to understand of all the great philosophers."

II. Presentations (Tentative)

1. Hegel: "Introduction", *Phenomenology of Spirit* [PS 68-84].
3. Hegel: "Preliminary Conception; First position of thought towards objectivity: Metaphysics", *Encyclopedic Logic* [EL 47-78].
8. Hegel: "Force and the Understanding", *Phenomenology of Spirit* [PS 115-150].

III. Learning Activities

1. In-class: 3-hour lectures in the first two to three weeks, and 3-hour seminars afterwards
2. Out-of-class: an average of 5 hours each week on reading and preparation

IV. Learning Outcomes

1. Demonstrate familiarity with the primary and secondary sources on the syllabus.
2. Gain competence in explaining and evaluating the key concepts and theories addressed in the course.
3. Be able to articulate and defend a philosophical thesis of their own concerning the issues discussed in the course.
4. Demonstrate progress in their papers toward mastering the expository and critical skills for argumentative writing.

V. Assessment Method

1. Final Paper: 50%
2. Presentation: 20%
3. Text Analysis: 20%
4. Class: 10%

VI. References

- A Hegel Bibliography
- Hegel's Texts
- English Translations
- On German Idealism

- **On Hegel**


- **My Non-German Publications on Hegel**

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