

# Critical Theory Graduate Group (CRIT TH)

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**CRIT TH 200 Critique in 19th-Century Thought 4 Units**

**Department:** Critical Theory Graduate Group

**Course level:** Graduate

**Term course may be offered:** Fall

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 3 hours of Lecture per week for 15 weeks.

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the critical theory designated emphasis or consent of instructor.

This course will examine various formulations of critique in 19th-century theory. Thinkers who may be studied include Kant, Hegel, Marx, Nietzsche, and Weber, though the selection will vary by instructor. This is the "foundations" course for the Designated Emphasis in Critical Theory. Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes. Instructor: Brown

**CRIT TH 205 The Classical Frankfurt School: The First Generation of Critical Theory 4 Units**

**Department:** Critical Theory Graduate Group

**Course level:** Graduate

**Term course may be offered:** Fall

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 3 hours of Lecture per week for 15 weeks.

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the critical theory designated emphasis or consent of instructor.

This course will explore the founding texts of the Frankfurt School's first generation: Horkheimer, Adorno, Benjamin, Marcuse, Lowenthal, and their circle. It will follow the development of critical theory through its Weimer years, American exile, and return to postwar Germany. Instructor: Jay

**CRIT TH 240 Contemporary Critique and Critical Theory 4 Units**

**Department:** Critical Theory Graduate Group

**Course level:** Graduate

**Terms course may be offered:** Fall and spring

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 3 hours of Lecture per week for 15 weeks.

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the critical theory designated emphasis or consent of instructor.

This course will explore various contemporary engagements with the foundations of critical theory in relation to other histories and locations. Topics will vary by instructor but may include: post-continental political theory, critique and the problem of political dissent and citizenship, gender and race in relation to critical practices, psychoanalysis, and literary and art theory and criticism. Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

**CRIT TH 290 Critical Theory Elective 4 Units**

**Department:** Critical Theory Graduate Group

**Course level:** Graduate

**Terms course may be offered:** Fall and spring

**Grading:** Letter grade.

**Hours and format:** 3 hours of seminar per week.

**Prerequisites:** Admission to the Critical Theory Designated Emphasis or consent of the instructor.

Critical Theory electives are taught by core and affiliated faculty in the Critical Theory program and offer important treatments of theoretical materials significant to the intellectual traditions of the program's course of study in nineteenth-century social theory and philosophy, Frankfurt School and related currents in theory and criticism, and contemporary critical theory. In a typical Critical Theory elective, theoretical materials