

Critical Theory Graduate Group (CRIT TH)

Courses

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

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016, Fall 2015

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.

Rules & Requirements

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

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Critical Theory Graduate Group/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Brown

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

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Fall 2016, Spring 2016

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 Weimar years, American exile, and return to postwar Germany.

Rules & Requirements

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

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Critical Theory Graduate Group/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Jay

CRIT TH 240 Contemporary Critique and Critical Theory 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016

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.

Rules & Requirements

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

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit with consent of instructor. Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 3 hours of lecture per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Critical Theory Graduate Group/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

CRIT TH 290 Critical Theory Elective 2 - 4 Units

Terms offered: Fall 2017, Spring 2017, Fall 2016

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 are presented in dialogue with an anthropological, artistic/aesthetic, economic, educational, historical, philosophical, political, rhetorical, sociological, or other disciplinary matrix that constitutes the course's primary materials for study and inquiry.

Rules & Requirements

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

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2-3 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Critical Theory Graduate Group/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

CRIT TH 298 Critical Theory Special Study 4 Units

Terms offered: Spring 2017, Spring 2016

Advanced study in interpretive approaches within the field of critical theory, focusing on the question of how critical theory enters into the framing of a long-term research project. We will consider the status and limits of theory, the relation between literary and social theory, reading practices, and archival research.

Rules & Requirements

Prerequisites: Admission to the Critical Theory Designated Emphasis or consent of the instructor. This course is intended for graduate students who are working on their prospectus or dissertation

Repeat rules: Course may be repeated for credit when topic changes.

Hours & Format

Fall and/or spring: 15 weeks - 2 hours of seminar per week

Additional Details

Subject/Course Level: Critical Theory Graduate Group/Graduate

Grading: Letter grade.

Instructor: Butler