



## **Phil 290 Advanced Seminar: Nietzsche**

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### **Course Description and Goals**

Although often dismissed in the first half of the 20<sup>th</sup> century as a mere literary figure, Nietzsche has come to be seen as one of great philosophers. His contributions to epistemology, ethics, political theory and aesthetics are of considerable significance. The goal of the Nietzsche seminar will be for students to gain an understanding of his main ideas with a special emphasis placed on using secondary sources. We will be looking at such ideas as the Apollonian/Dionysian duality, the Will to Power, the Doctrine of Eternal Recurrence, and the Master/Slave relationship. Since this is a seminar, class participation and discussion are particularly important.

### **Required Texts**

*Basic Writings of Nietzsche* tr. and ed. Walter Kaufmann (New York: The Modern Library, 2000)

*The Portable Nietzsche* tr. and ed. Walter Kaufmann (Penguin Books, 1982)

Nietzsche. "On Truth and Lie in an Extra-moral Sense." Fragment, 1873: from the Nachlass [unpublished writings]. This translation has been compiled from translations by Walter Kaufmann and Daniel Breazeale. The Nietzsche Channel.

[http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/phl201/modules/Philosophers/Nietzsche/Truth\\_and\\_Lie\\_in\\_an\\_Extra-Moral\\_Sense.htm](http://oregonstate.edu/instruct/phl201/modules/Philosophers/Nietzsche/Truth_and_Lie_in_an_Extra-Moral_Sense.htm) (A short selection from "On Truth and Lie" appears in the *Portable Nietzsche* 42-47.)

Laurence Lampert. *Nietzsche's Teaching: An Interpretation of Thus Spoke Zarathustra* (Yale University Press, 1986)

### **Recommended:**

*I Am Dynamite!: A Life of Nietzsche* Sue Prideaux 2019 [can get used for as little as \$7]

*The Oxford Handbook of Nietzsche* ed. Ken Gemes Oxford U. Press, 2013.