

A Contemporary View of Hegel's *Phenomenology*
Philosophy 2180—Fall 2021—University of Pittsburgh
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Tuesdays, 1:30—4:00pm.

Course website at sites.pitt.edu/~rbrandom (under “Courses”).

The course has two texts:

Hegel's *Phenomenology of Spirit* [PG].

Brandom's *A Spirit of Trust: A Reading of Hegel's Phenomenology* [ST].

Basic Readings. Further materials for study before each session are listed and updated in the course website.

Week 1. August 31, 2021: Introduction to Course: Why Read Hegel—and How?

Week 2. September 9, 2021: Overview of a Pragmatist, Semantic Reading of the *Phenomenology*.

ST Introduction and Précis.

Week 3. September 14, 2021: Hegel's *Introduction* to the PG. Critique of Representationalism and Sketch of an Alternate Approach.

PG Introduction. ST 1-3.

Week 4. September 21, 2021: *Consciousness* I. Two Varieties of Empiricism: Phenomenalist and Observational.

PG I Sense Certainty, PG II Perception. ST 4-5.

Week 5. September 28, 2021: *Consciousness* II. Theoretical Entities and Conceptual Holism.

PG III Force and Understanding. ST 6-7.

Week 6. October 5, 2021: *Self-Consciousness* . From Autonomy to Recognition.

PG IVA. ST 8-9.

Week 7. October 12, 2021: *Reason*. Practical Agency.

PG VB, VC. ST 11-12.

No Class October 19, 2021

Week 8. October 26, 2021: *Spirit* I. From Traditional to Modern *Geist*.
PG VIA. ST 13.

Week 9. November 2, 2021: *Spirit* II. Language, Alienation, and Modern *Geist*.
PG VIB. ST 14.

Week 10. November 9, 2021: *Spirit* III. Transition to Post-Modernity: Confession, Forgiveness, and Trust.
PG VIC. ST 15-16.

Week 11. November 16, 2021: Substance as Subject and Absolute Knowing.
PG Preface, PG VIII. ST Conclusion.

No Class November 23, 2021: Thanksgiving Break.

Week 12. November 30, 2021: From the *Phenomenology* to the *Science of Logic*.
Begriffslogik: The Idea.

Week 13. December 7, 2021: Conclusion: Hegel in the Twentyfirst Century.
ST Conclusion.