

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](https://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.*