CC 202: From the Enlightenment to Modernity

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SPRING 2018 LECTURES Tuesdays 12:30-1:45 pm in CAS 326, 685-725 Commonwealth Ave.

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Seminar B1 TR 8:00am-9:15am in CAS 114A with Abigail Gillman agillman@bu.edu
B2 TR 9:30am-10:45am in CAS 114A with Anita Patterson apatters@bu.edu
B3 TR 11:00am-12:15pm in CAS 119 with Yuri Corrigan ycorriga@bu.edu
C1 MWF 11:15am-12:05pm in SED 210 with David Green ddgreen@bu.edu
C2 MWF 2:30pm-3:20pm in CAS 114B with Gabrielle Sims gsims@bu.edu

Course description. Examines questions of social hierarchy and political power, and subjectivity and its relation to reason, in Kant, Mendelssohn, Voltaire, Rousseau, Goethe, Jane Austen, Dickinson, Whitman, Nietzsche, Chekhov, and the music of Beethoven. The course ends in the 20th century with the art of the Weimar Republic, Du Bois’ The Souls of Black Folk, and Woolf’s Mrs. Dalloway.

Grading. Your seminar instructor determines your final grade, based on the following components: participation 20%; seminar papers 60%; final exam 20%. Attendance at lectures and seminar discussions is an important part of the course. Absences from lecture and seminar will be weighed seriously by your seminar leader, and will bring down your final grade.

The Core Writing Fellows are available for help throughout the semester. Fellows are graduate students who have been trained in grammar and compositional skills and are familiar with the works read in the Core. To make an appointment, consult the online reservation instructions at www.bu.edu/core/writing, send an email to Lauren Kerby (lkerby@bu.edu), call 617-353-5404, or sign up in the Core Office, CAS 119.

On the Core website—www.bu.edu/core—students will find faculty profiles and office locations, reading lists, supplemental course material, a departmental activities and academic calendar, syllabi, Writing Fellow contact information and writing FAQs, and other resources.

Required textbooks are available at the BU Bookstore:
- Voltaire, Candide (Hackett, 9780872205468)
- Jean-Jacques Rousseau, Confessions (Oxford, 9780199540037)
- Immanuel Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals (Cambridge, 9781107401068)
- Johann Wolfgang von Goethe, Faust: The First Part of the Tragedy (Focus, 9781585107407)
- Jane Austen, Pride and Prejudice (Penguin, 9780141439518)
- English Romantic Poetry: An Anthology (Dover, 978-0486292823)
- Walt Whitman, Leaves of Grass (Signet, 9780451419170)
- Friedrich Nietzsche, On the Genealogy of Morality (Cambridge, 978052169163)
- Anton Chekhov, Chekhov: The Essential Plays (Modern Library, 9780375761348)
- W. E. B. Du Bois, The Souls of Black Folk (Dover, 9780486280417)
- Virginia Woolf, Mrs. Dalloway (Mariner, 9780156628709)

An online writing handbook is available on the Core website at www.bu.edu/core/handbook.

Learning and testing accommodation. Boston University complies with the Americans with Disabilities Act and Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. If you are a student who needs academic accommodations because of a documented disability, you should contact your seminar leader and present your letter of accommodation as soon as possible. If you have questions about documenting a disability or requesting academic accommodations, contact the Office of Disability Services at access@bu.edu and 617-353-3658. Letters of accommodations should be presented as soon as possible to ensure that student needs are addressed from the start of the course. Learn more at http://www.bu.edu/disability/policies-procedures.
Academic Conduct. All members of the University are expected to maintain the highest standards of academic honesty and integrity; we have the same expectations of each other in this course. Seminar leaders take the issue of plagiarism seriously and expect all the work you do in this course to be your own. If you have questions about what plagiarism is and how it differs from the appropriate use of other people’s work, speak with your instructor or consult the Academic Conduct Code at http://bu.edu/academics/cas/policies/academic-conduct.

Please note that there will also be two special lectures this semester, on Monday 3/26 (by Zadie Smith) and on Monday 4/9 (by Amanda Thornton).

CC 202 Spring 2018 Lecture Schedule:

1) Tue 1/23: Kant (1724-1804), Mendelssohn (1729-1786), Voltaire (1694-1778) // Lecturer: James Schmidt
   Reading: Kant, “What Is Enlightenment?,” Mendelssohn’s remarks on Kant’s essay, and Candide

2) Tue 1/30: Rousseau (1712-1788) // Lecturer: Alexandra Herzog
   Reading: Confessions

3) Tue 2/6: Kant (1724-1804) // Lecturer: C. Allen Speight
   Reading: Kant, Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals

4) Tue 2/13: Goethe (1749-1832) // Lecturer: Peter Schwartz
   Reading: Faust
   Tue 2/20: No lecture; substitute Monday Schedule
   Reading: Pride and Prejudice

5) Tue 2/27: Austen (1775-1817) // Lecturer: Joseph Rezek
   Reading: Pride and Prejudice
   Tue 3/6: No Class, Spring Break

6) Tue 3/13: Beethoven (1770-1827) // Lecturer: Elizabeth Seitz
   Listening: Ninth Symphony via http://bu.edu/core/cc202

7) Tue 3/20: English Romantic Poetry // Lecturer: Karl Kirchwey
   Reading: selections from English Romantic Poetry

8) Tue 3/27: Dickinson and Whitman // Lecturer: Anita Patterson
   Reading: selections from Dickinson and Leaves of Grass

9) Tues 4/3: Nietzsche (1844-1900) // Lecturer: Peter Schwartz
   Reading: Genealogy of Morals

10) Tue 4/10: Chekhov (1860-1904) // Lecturer: Yuri Corrigan
    Reading: Three Sisters

11) Tues 4/17: Modernism in the Visual Arts // Lecturer: Gregory Williams
    Viewing: selected works

    Reading: The Souls of Black Folk

13) Tue 5/1: Woolf (1882-1941) // Lecturer: John Paul Riquelme
    Reading: Mrs. Dalloway

Final Exam: date and location TBA.