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**Problems Around Foucault**  
**Syllabus for PHIL #21910 / #31910**

(=CHSS #31910, HIPS #21910, CMLT #25102/35102, DVPR #35100)

**Norms, Deviation, and the Historical Constitution of Mental Illness (2 weeks)**

Georges Canguilhem, "From the Social to the Vital" in *On the Normal and the Pathological*, on reserve

Georges Canguilhem, "Report from Mr. Canguilhem on the Manuscript Filed by Mr. Michel Foucault..." in *Foucault and His Interlocutors*, on reserve

Michel Foucault, *Mental Illness and Psychology*, Part II

Michel Foucault, *Abnormal*, pp. 41-52, on reserve

**The Science of Sexuality: Making Up People (2 weeks)**

Michel Foucault, *The History of Sexuality, Vol. I*, Part One and Part Three

Arnold I. Davidson, *The Emergence of Sexuality*, Chapters 1, 2 and Appendix

Ian Hacking, "Making Up People" in *Historical Ontology*

Michel Foucault, *The Archaeology of Knowledge*, Introduction, on reserve

**Relations of Power (3 weeks)**

Michel Foucault, *The History of Sexuality, Vol. I*, Part Four, Chapter 2

Michel Foucault, "About the Concept of the 'Dangerous Individual' in Nineteenth-century Legal Psychiatry" (pp. 198-200) in *Power*

Michel Foucault, "Omnes et singulatim: Toward A Critique Of Political Reason" (pp. 258-311) in *Power*

Michel Foucault, *Security, Territory, Population*, Chapter 8:1, March 1978 (pp. 191-226), on reserve

Gilles Deleuze, "Nomadic Thought" in *Desert Islands and Other Texts*, on reserve

Michel Foucault, "Preface to *Anti-Oedipus*" in *Power*

Michel Foucault, "The Subject and Power" in *Power*

**The Moral Subject and Practices of the Self (2 weeks)**

Michel Foucault, *The Use of Pleasure*, Introduction, Chapters 1 & 2 (pp. 3-24), on reserve

Michel Foucault, "On the Genealogy of Ethics: An Overview of Work in Progress" in *Ethics*

Michel Foucault, "The Ethics of the Concern for Self as a Practice of Freedom" in *Ethics*

Michel Foucault, "Friendship as a Way of Life" in *Ethics* (Also recommended from this volume, "The Social Triumph of the Sexual Will" and "Sex, Power, and the Politics of Identity".)

Pierre Hadot, *Philosophy as a Way of Life*, Chapters 3, 4, 7, and 11.

Michel Foucault, *The Hermeneutics of the Subject*, pp. 1-30, on reserve

Ian Hacking, "Self-Improvement" in *Historical Ontology*

**Historical Ontology of Ourselves (1 week)**

Michel Foucault, "What is Enlightenment?" in *Ethics*

Ian Hacking, "Historical Ontology" in *Historical Ontology*

**REQUIREMENTS:**

All undergraduates are required to attend a discussion section. There will be a midterm (taken in class) and a final paper of 12-15 pages for both undergraduate and graduate students. Papers must be written on a topic covered on the syllabus. Students who are able to do so are encouraged to read the texts in the original language. If you need to contact me, do not send me email. Leave a phone message or a note in my mailbox.

**NO LATE PAPERS; NO INCOMPLETES.**