

**The Department of
Arts, Education and Commerce
HI 4000
Course Outline**

HI 4000: History of Labour and Socialist Thought
Senior Course (3 Credits)

Instructor: Duff Crerar, Ph.D.

Introduction:

This course explores the origins, goals and fortunes of the European labour movement up to the First World War. Students examine the ideas of leading socialist intellectuals, and the attitudes and values of the European working classes, thus combining the study of the history of ideas with the newer study of working class culture.

Students will write two term tests, one essay and a final examination during the course.

Texts:

Kolakowski, Leszek. Main Currents of Marxism, Volumes 1 and 2. Oxford: Oxford U. Press, 1978.

Stafford, William. Socialism, Radicalism and Nostalgia: Social Criticism in Britain, 1755-1830. Cambridge: University Press, 1987.

Taylor, Keith. The Political Ideas of the Utopian Socialists. London: Cass, 1982.

Outline:

Week One : Background

Wednesday - Approaches

Friday - Theory

Week Two : Athens and Jerusalem

Monday - Plato

READ: Republic, Books II-V, VII.

Wednesday- Prophets and Priests

READ: The Books of Amos and Hosea (Old Testament),
Ron Sider, Cry Justice!

Friday - The Early Church

READ: The Books of Acts and James (New Testament)
Sider, Justice!

Week Three: Medieval and Early Modern Stirrings

Monday - Il Poverello

READ: Brother Leo, Mirror of Perfection, and
Malcolm Lambert, Franciscan Poverty.

Wednesday - Medieval Protest

READ: William Langland, Piers Plowman
Dobson, The Peasant's Revolt of 1381

Friday - Thomas More

READ: Utopia

Week Four: Reformation and Revolution

Monday - The German Peasants

READ: Peter Blickle, Revolution of 1525

Wednesday - Anabaptism

READ: Stayer, The Anabaptist Community of Goods

Friday - Ranters and Levellers

READ: Hill, The World Turned Upside Down.

Week Five: The Enlightenment and Poverty

Monday - Life and Death among the Poor

READ: Olwyn Hufton, The Poor of 18th Century France

Wednesday - Merrie England

READ: Malcolmson, Life and Labour in England, 1700-1781

Friday - Philosophie and Visionary

READ: Alexander Grey, Socialism Tradition
Stafford, Socialism, Radicalism, Nostalgia

Week Six : Liberty, Equality and Fraternity

Monday - Thanksgiving Holiday

Wednesday - The Jacobins

READ: Robespierre, Speeches,
Marechal, Manifesto of Equals (RESERVE)

Friday - The Sans Culottes

READ: Soboul, Sans Culottes
Rose, The Enrages

Week Seven: The British Question

Monday - Test 1

Wednesday - Godwin and Hall

READ: Stafford, Socialism, Radicalism and Nostalgia

Friday - The Working Class

READ: Thompson, The Making of the English Working Class

Week Eight: Socialism: the French

Monday - France: Saint Simon and Fourier

READ: Taylor, Political Ideas of Utopian Socialists

Wednesday - Saint Simonians and Icarians

READ: Taylor, Political Ideas

Friday - Brave New Worlds

READ: Louis Loubere, Louis Blanc

Week Nine: Socialism: the English

Monday - Owen and Lanark

READ: Taylor, Political Ideas

Wednesday - Radicals

READ: Stafford, Socialism, Radicalism and Nostalgia

Friday - Poor Man's Friend

READ: Cobbett, William Cobbett

Week Ten: Keeping Body and Soul Together

Monday - The Chartists

READ: John Saville, Ernest Jones

Wednesday - Germany: Hegel and Hess

READ: Taylor, Political Ideas of Utopian Socialists

Kolakowski, Main Currents, Vol. I.

Friday - Young Man Marx

READ: Kolakowski, Main Currents, Vol. I.

Gregory, "Marx and Engels" RESERVE

Week Eleven: Millennium and Revolution

Monday - Early Marxism (1)

READ: Kolakowski, Main Currents, Vol. 1

Wednesday - Early Marxism (2)

READ: Sherwood, in AHR RESERVE

Friday - In Their Own Words

READ: Marx, "Theses on Fierbaker"

Engels, "Condition of the Working Classes"

Week Twelve: Working Class England

Monday - Test 2

Wednesday - Ideas and Factories

READ: Kynaston, King Labour: the British Working Class

Friday - Christian Socialism

READ: Vidler, A Century of Social Catholicism

Reardon, Religion in the Age of Romanticism

Week Thirteen: Marching as To War

Monday - The Anarchist and the Scholars

READ: Baldwin, Kropotkin's Revolutionary Pamphlets
Woodcock, Anarchism and Joll, Anarchism

Wednesday - Mature Marx

READ: McLellan, Karl Marx, and Kolakowski, Vol. 1

Friday - Discipleship: Orthodox and Revisionist

READ: Kolakowski, Vol. 2 and Gay,
The Dilemma of Democratic Socialism

Week Fourteen: The Gathering Storm

Monday - Syndicalists

READ: Kolakowski, Vol. 2, and Stanley, From Sorel

Wednesday - The Second International and the Revolutionaries

READ: Joll, Second International and Kolakowski, Vol. 2

Friday - Retrospect and Assessment.

Final Examination: To Be Marked by the GPRC Instructor

Course Format and Philosophy:

The course consists of three directed discussions each week. These will identify and discuss the most significant events and issues of the week and also serve as guides to the text readings. Ideally, students should read the assigned chapters or pages of each reading before each lecture. The tests will be short answer in nature, while the examination at the end of the course will include both short and longer essay type questions. **ALL** essay topics must be cleared with me before final submission. An attendance and participation mark will be given, which measures both consistent appearance and taking part in the discussions. Late assignments will be penalized 50% each day they are overdue, UNLESS special permission is secured from the instructor in advance. Any students having trouble with their assignments or with the course in general are encouraged to see me as soon as possible -- after class, by contacting me in the office or calling me at home (between 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. please!) at 539-7764. I am always willing to help in any way I can!

Marking Scheme:

First Test (in class)	20
Second Test (in class)	20
Essay (twelve pages)	20
Attendance and Participation	10
Final Examination	30