

## **Political Science 766**

### **The Critical Theory of Jürgen Habermas**

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This course is a graduate level survey designed to introduce students to the critical theory and political philosophy of Jürgen Habermas.

#### **Course Requirements**

There are three main course requirements:

1. Seminar presentation and seminar participation. Each member of the seminar is expected to participate each session in seminar discussion. In addition, each member of the seminar will be responsible for making a presentation designed to spark seminar discussion on an assigned topic. The presentations and seminar participation more generally count for 40% of the final course grade.
2. Final paper: One 15-20 page paper on a subject of the seminar member's choice, based on either the course readings, or an application to current research. This paper will count for 50% of the final course grade and is due on June 7th at noon. The criteria for the paper follow Booth et. al., which will discuss in detail during class. We will be workshopping each paper, so a draft of the paper will be due on May 25<sup>th</sup>. You will not be graded on the draft, but it behooves you to make it a quality draft of your full argument.
3. Colleague comments: For the June 1st meeting you will be expected to produce a written set of comments on each seminar member's draft paper, using substantive and Booth et. al. criteria. The colleague comments will count for 10% of your final grade.

#### **Course Materials**

*The Craft of Research 3<sup>rd</sup> Edition*

Booth et. al.

All articles and further class materials will be available on Carmen.

Students with disabilities should make their needs known to the instructor and seek available assistance in the first week of the quarter. For course materials in alternative formats please see Mr. Wayne DeYoung, 2140 Derby Hall, 292-2880, also in the first week of the quarter.

## Schedule of Readings for Class Meetings

March 30	<i>Introduction</i>
April 6	<i>Rationality, Epistemology, &amp; Methodology</i> Selections from early writings
April 13	<i>Language, Communication, &amp; Legitimation</i> Selections from and around TCA
April 20	<i>Modernity &amp; Critical Social Theory</i> Selections from TCA and The Philosophical Discourse of Modernity
April 27	<i>Discourse Ethics</i> Discourse Ethics: Notes on a Program of Philosophical Justification Selections from supporting essays
May 4	<i>Law &amp; Discursive Politics</i> Three Normative Model of Democracy On the Internal Relationship Between Law & Democracy Selections from supporting essays
May 11	<i>Civil Society &amp; the Political Public Sphere</i> Selections from Chapter 7 of Between Facts & Norms Chapter 8 of Between Facts & Norms Political Communication in Media Society
May 18	<i>Transnational Law and Justice</i> The Post-National Constellation Selections from supporting essays
May 25	<i>Politics Between Naturalism &amp; Religion</i> Religion in the Public Sphere Selections from supporting essays
June 1	<i>Paper Workshop</i>