

## **Deleuze Winter 2023**

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Office Hours: Mon 13:40 -15:40, Wed 15:40 -17:40 and by appt. in room D-407.

Course Status: 2 credits, 4 ECTS credits – no prerequisites; Philosophy elective MA course

Class meetings: Wed 17:40 – 19:40 in room D-317 Teaching format: interactive seminars.

Course Description: Gilles Deleuze (1925-1995) was a difficult thinker whose work deserves and requires very close reading. In this course, we'll spend most of the time reading his 1991 work, *What is Philosophy?* co-written with Felix Guattari. As its title indicates, it engages with the nature of philosophy as well as metaphysics and epistemology in a wide sense. We'll spend about 8 weeks of the course on a slow reading of the book, leaving lots of time for discussion. In the last 4 weeks of the course, we'll determine what else to read by Deleuze, perhaps a chapter from his book on Nietzsche, a chapter from his book, *Difference and Repetition*, or extracts from his works on aesthetics (painting, cinema, literature). No prior knowledge is presumed. The course is discussion oriented, in fact, much like a large reading group.

Learning outcomes – By the end of the course, participants should be able to explain and assess Deleuze's contributions to questions on metaphysics, knowledge, and other areas in philosophy as well as Deleuze's convergence with or divergence from other philosophical traditions.

Assessment – Regular attendance, preparation, and participation in discussion for all. For all students except auditors: 1) One 15-minute class presentation (ungraded). 2) One 2,000-word term paper. 80% of final grade based on term paper, 20% on class participation. An A grade requires a clear, focused and somewhat original paper.

### Weekly Schedule and Readings

Week 1 Wednesday January 11 Introduction; What is Philosophy opening pages

Week 2 Wednesday January 18 WiP continued

Week 3 Wednesday January 25 WiP continued

Week 4 Wednesday February 1 WiP continued

Week 5 Wednesday February 8 WiP continued

Week 6 Wednesday February 15 WiP continued

Week 7 Wednesday February 22 WiP continued

Week 8 Wednesday March 1 WiP continued

Week 9 Wednesday March 8 to be determined by class participants

Week 10 Wednesday March 15 to be determined by class participants

Week 11 Wednesday March 22 to be determined by class participants

Week 12 Monday March 29 to be determined by class participants