

**Psychoanalysis and Society: Freud and after**  
**SAIC SOCSCI 3770-001 Fall 2007 MC 315 Thursdays 6 - 9 PM**  
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Course title: Psychoanalysis and Society: Freud and after

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Course description:

Freud's psychotherapeutic practice and analytic theory of the complex nature of the human psyche, for instance his "discovery" of unconscious mental processes, were profoundly influential for a variety of thinkers and practitioners, including Frantz Fanon, and critical theorists of the Frankfurt School such as Theodor W. Adorno. In this course, we read widely from Freud's writings and those he influenced, including the above authors, with attention to the societal implications of Freud's approach to subjectivity.


Course requirements and grading policy:

This is an advanced, discussion-based undergraduate and graduate course organized as a seminar that meets once per week. Attendance is mandatory; no unexcused absences are allowed.

Class participation consists of student attendance and discussion. Students volunteer for 5-10 minute (2-3 page outlined) class presentations of the readings, consisting of their critical reactions, beyond summary overview, and focusing on 2 or 3 passages or issues from the text(s) to discuss in depth. All students will be expected to attend every class session and bring one or two written reaction questions for each of the assigned readings. Student reactions to the readings (presentations and reaction questions) will guide the class discussions.

The grade evaluation of student performance in the course will consist of 3 components:

1. Attendance and class discussion participation: **15%** (~1% per class session)
2. In-class presentations on readings (1 or more per student, depending on enrollment): **10%**
3. Writing assignments: 2 of 3 short papers (4-5 double-spaced pages or ~1,000 words): **75%**

Course readings: required books 

Joseph Breuer and Sigmund Freud, *Studies on Hysteria* (Basic Books, 2000) ISBN: 0465082769

Freud, *Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis* (Liveright/Norton, 1989) ISBN: 0871401185

Freud, *Three Case Histories* (Touchstone, 1996) ISBN: 0684829452

Freud, *New Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis* (Norton, 1965) ISBN: 039300743X
























Freud, *Beyond the Pleasure Principle* (Norton, 1990) ISBN: 0393007693

Freud, *Civilization and its Discontents* (Norton, 1989) ISBN: 0393301583

Frantz Fanon, *Black Skin, White Masks* (Grove, 1991) ISBN: 0802150845

Additional readings will be available at <http://docutek.artic.edu> (password: "freud"):  

Course schedule:    Psychoanalysis and Society: Freud and after (Fall 2007), Thursdays 6 - 9 PM  
School of the Art Institute of Chicago, 112 S. Michigan Ave., room 315

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| Week 1: Introduction  | 8/30/07  |
|   Sigmund Freud, “ <u>On Transience</u> ” [PDF]   |          |
| Week 2:   | 9/6/07   |
|  Breuer and Freud, <i>Studies on Hysteria</i> case studies “Anna O.” [2] “Elizabeth von R.” [2]  |          |
| Week 3:   | 9/13/07  |
|  Breuer and Freud, <i>Studies on Hysteria</i> “Preliminary Communication,” and “Psychotherapy of Hysteria”   | [2]      |
| Week 4:   | 9/20/07  |
|  Freud, <i>Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis</i> Lectures I, II-IV [2], and XVII-XIX [2]   |          |
| Week 5:   | 9/27/07  |
|  Freud, <i>Introductory Lectures</i> Lectures XX-XXII  | [2]      |
| Week 6:   | 10/4/07  |
|  Freud, <i>Introductory Lectures</i> Lectures XXIII, XXVI, XXVII   | [2]      |
| Week 7:   | 10/11/07 |
|   Freud, Original Record of the [“Rat Man”] Case [PDF]  |          |
|  Freud, “Notes Upon a Case of Obsessional Neurosis” (AKA “The Rat Man”) in <i>Three Case Histories</i>   | [2]      |
| Week 8:   | 10/18/07 |
|  Freud, <i>New Introductory Lectures on Psychoanalysis</i> Lectures XXXI, XXXIII   | [2]      |
| Week 9:   | 10/25/07 |
|   Freud, “ <u>Mourning and Melancholia</u> ” [PDF], “ <u>On Narcissism</u> ” [PDF]                                  | [2]      |
| Week 10:  | 11/1/07  |
|  Freud, <i>Beyond the Pleasure Principle</i>   | [2]      |
| Week 11:  | 11/8/07  |
|  Freud, <i>The Future of an Illusion</i> excerpts [PDF], <i>Civilization and its Discontents</i>   | [2]      |
| Week 12:  | 11/15/07 |
|   Wilhelm Reich, “ <u>Ideology as Material Power</u> ” [PDF]  | [1]      |
|   Anna Freud, “ <u>Identification with Aggressor</u> ” [PDF]  | [1]      |
| Week 13: [Thanksgiving break, no class session; please read ahead for 11/29]  | 11/22/07 |
| Week 14:  | 11/29/07 |
|  Frantz Fanon, <i>Black Skin, White Masks</i> Chapters 1, and 5-6  | [2]      |
| Week 15:  | 12/6/07  |
|  Fanon, <i>Black Skin White Masks</i> Chapters 7-8   | [2]      |
| Week 16:  | 12/13/07 |
|   Theodor W. Adorno, “ <u>Sociology and Psychology</u> ” [PDF] and “ <u>Sexual Taboos and the Law Today</u> ” [PDF] | [2]      |