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## MARX'S CAPITAL

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Thursdays, 1:30-4:20 pm, Foster 505

### REQUIRED TEXT:

Karl Marx, *Capital: A Critique of Political Economy*, vol. 1. Trans. Fowkes. The Marx Library edition, Vintage or Penguin.

### RECOMMENDED TEXTS:

Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Marx-Engels Reader*, 2nd ed., ed. Tucker. Norton.  
Karl Marx, *Grundrisse*, trans. Martin Nicolaus. Penguin.  
Moishe Postone, *Time, Labor, and Social Domination*. Cambridge.

### PAPER:

Students taking the course for credit must write a 15–20 page seminar paper due March 16.

### WEEKLY MEETINGS AND READING ASSIGNMENTS:

1. Jan 4: Introductory Session.

2. Jan 11: The Commodity

Preface to the First Edition, pp. 89–93  
Ch. 1, 125–77

3. Jan 18: Exchange and Money

Chs. 2–3, pp. 178–244

4. Jan 25: Money into Capital

Chs. 4–7, pp. 247–306

5. Feb 1: Absolute Surplus-Value

Chs. 8–11, pp. 307–426

6. Feb 8: Relative Surplus-Value

Chs. 12–15, pp. 429–639

7. Feb 15: Absolute and Relative Surplus-Value; Wages

Chs. 16–22, pp. 643–706

8. Feb 22: Accumulation of Capital

Introduction to Part 7 and chs. 23–25, pp. 709–870

9. Mar 1: Primitive Accumulation

Chs. 26–33, pp. 873–940.

19 Th Mar 8: Concluding session.