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RED SUMMER
Tuesdays 6-7:30pm Central
Hybrid Sessions, In-Person recommended
Blegen 317 at UMN-TC
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Course Description:

The world crumbles around us. Every year wealth inequality grows more unequal, the environment degrades, civil liberties are stripped away, genocides continue unabated, and our mental health gets worse. It is clear that some type of change is necessary. But what does that change look like? And how do we get there?

The Red Summer Course attempts to provide some answers. By looking at the thoughts, writings, and actions of other revolutionaries across the globe, we will be understanding how they tackled those questions. Over 12 weeks, we will learn about the *science of revolution* and its development from the 19th century to today. Yet such study is useless if not applied to our current situation, which is why opportunities will arise in which those participating may apply these texts to their environment directly. The entire course will be completely **free of charge**.

The classes themselves will be made up of discussions, activities, and short lectures that will be used to supplement the readings. The pace for reading will be **10-15 pages a day**. We will be learning about capitalism, colonialism, critique, dialectical materialism, social investigation, and more.

Schedule:

Date	Topic	Readings	Total Pages	Pages/Day
June 3rd	Why is revolution necessary?	Syllabus - Me :) How many fossils to move an inch? - Minutephysics Mental Health - Our World in Data Visualizing the Pyramid of Global Wealth Distribution - Neufeld Global Trends - UNHCR	10 pages, 6 minutes of video	1.42 pages, 0.86 minutes
June 10th	What is Capitalism?	Wage, Labor, and Capital & Value, Price, and Profit (skip intro) - Marx	97	13.86
June 17th	What is “Primitive Accumulation?”	Decolonial Marxism : Chapter 7 (pp. 88-117) - Rodney Open Veins of Latin America : Chapter 1 (pp. 11-58) - Galeano Settlers : Chapter 1 - Sakai	90	12.86
June 24th	What is Marxism?	Socialism: Utopia & Scientific (Skip intro) - Engels Critique of the Gotha Programme (pp. 9-30) - Marx This Ruthless Criticism of All that Exists: Marxism as Science - JMP	90	12.86
July 1st	How should Revolutionaries think? Part One: Dialectics	On Contradiction - Mao (pp. 31-93) Dialectics of Nature: Dialectics - Engels (pp. 62-68)	71	10.14
July 8th	How should Revolutionaries think? Part Two:	On Practice - Mao Where Do Correct Ideas Come	75	10.71

	Materialism	From? - Mao The Communist Necessity : Until Puritanism (pp. 1-47) - JMP		
July 15th	BYE WEEK	N/A	N/A	N/A
July 22nd	What should be the mindset of a Revolutionary?	Eleven Theses on Feuerbach - Marx Tell no Lies! Claim no Easy Victories! - Cabral Activist Study : The Basic Revolutionary Attitude (pp. 53-79) - Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) Becoming Proletariat on Stolen Land: Decolonization and Class Consciousness - Houston The Communist Necessity : Finish Chapter 1 (pp. 48-59) - JMP	71	10.14
July 29th	How should Revolutionaries critique one another?	Activist Study : Combat Liberalism (pp.25-29) - Mao Constructive Criticism Handbook - Legion	113	16.14
August 5th	How should a Revolutionary practice? Part One: Investigation & Mass Line	Oppose Book Worship (pp. 159-172) - Mao Activist Study : Lesson 2&3, Rev Study & Mass Line (pp. 80-127) - CPP Social Investigation and Class Analysis (SICA) - Manibat	78	11.14
August 12th	How should a Revolutionary practice? Part Two: Pitfalls	State and Revolution : Chapter 1 - Lenin Politics in Command: A Taxonomy on Economism : pp. 37-60 &	82	11.71

		248-254 - JMP The Communist Necessity : Chapter 2 - JMP		
August 19th	How should a Revolutionary practice? Part Three: Organization	The Communist Necessity : Chapter 3 - JMP Activist Study : Lesson 4, Dem Cent - CPP Points of Unity - Mass Work Caucus	73	10.43