

PHL321 H1S
HEIDEGGER
Thursday 9am - 12pm
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Course Description

This course is an introduction to the philosophy of Martin Heidegger. In the first part of the course, lectures will focus on Being and Time. The topics which will be explored include: Heidegger's transformation of key concepts and methods in phenomenology, his novel interpretation of human being, and his relationship to the philosophical tradition. The second part of the course will examine whether and how the project of Being and Time was revised in select later addresses and essays. The course will conclude with a consideration of the reception of Heidegger's philosophy, especially among the most important of his many Jewish readers.

Evaluation

Participation (10%)

- Students are expected to do the readings before lectures and to come to class prepared to discuss them. Students are also expected to bring each week's reading(s) to class.

Four Reading Responses (30%)

- There will be four short writing assignments (approximately 300 words) in which students engage critically with the readings. These response papers are an opportunity for students to find topics for their final papers. Late assignments will not be accepted. Assignments are due in class on:

1. January 20
2. February 03
3. February 24
4. March 10

Take-Home Test (20%)

- The take-home test will consist of 6 questions, of which students will be required to answer 4. The questions will be distributed approximately a week before the answers are due in class on March 24th. Late tests will not be accepted.

Final Essay (40%)

- Final papers are due on the last class, March 31. Students are responsible for choosing a topic from the ones covered in class discussion and to clear the topic with me by March 17th at the latest. Final papers should be approximately 4,000 words long.

Accessibility Needs

The University of Toronto is committed to accessibility. If you require accommodations for a disability, or have any accessibility concerns about the course, the classroom or course materials, please contact Accessibility Services as soon as possible: disability.services@utoronto.ca.

Required Texts

There is no textbook for the course. Required readings will be posted on the course website.

Reading Schedule

<i>Date</i>	<i>Text(s)</i>
January 13	Martin Heidegger, <i>Being and Time</i> , Preface
January 20	Martin Heidegger, <i>Being and Time</i> , Introduction
January 27	Martin Heidegger, <i>Being and Time</i> , Division One, Chapters I and II
February 3	Martin Heidegger, <i>Being and Time</i> , Division One, Chapter IV and V
February 10	Martin Heidegger, <i>Being and Time</i> , Division One, Chapter VI
February 17	Martin Heidegger, "What is Metaphysics?"
February 24	NO CLASS
March 3	Martin Heidegger, "The Principle of Ground"
March 10	Martin Heidegger, "The Self-Assertion of the German University"
March 17	Martin Heidegger, "Plato's Doctrine of Truth"
March 24	Martin Heidegger, "Letter on 'Humanism'"
March 31:	Martin Heidegger, "The Question Concerning Technology"
April 7	Jewish responses to Heidegger: Srauss, Arendt, and Levinas