

Philosophy 4400: Metaphysics
Heidegger's *Being and Time*
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TR 11-12:20
Language 313

Our work

1) Engage in a close reading of Heidegger's *Being and Time*. 2) Continue the Heideggerian project of mapping the end of philosophy and the beginning of *Denken*; identifying the task of thinking today.

Text

Being and Time, Macquarrie and Robinson translation
Plus assorted handouts

Requirements

1. Attend all classes; be in class in your seat and ready to go at 11am; come to class having read the material multiple times, slowly and closely.

Nietzsche on slow reading: "This art does not so easily get anything done, it teaches to read *well*, that is to say, to read slowly, deeply, looking cautiously before and aft, with reservations, with doors left open, with delicate eyes and fingers..."

2. You *may* supplement assigned readings with investigations in the secondary literature. I will make occasional suggestions. King's book is useful (*A Guide to Heidegger's Being and Time*); and if you want, dip into the sources at my graduate course webpage, at <http://www.phil.unt.edu/resources/syllabi/spring07/5960-002.php>

The web of course has a bunch of stuff: e.g.,

<http://caae.phil.cmu.edu/Cavalier/80254/Heidegger/SZHomePage.html>

If it is from a university site it is probably worth looking at. Use your own judgment.

Assignments and grading

1. There will be regular in-class quizzes (every 2nd or 3rd class, sometimes two classes in a row). These will be worth 50% of your class grade. And there will be an in-class midterm and final, each worth 20%. The last 10% consists of attendance and participation.
2. Participation *is* important in this class. Classes function best when everyone takes responsibility for reading the text and carrying the class debate. With this emphasis on participation, regular attendance becomes crucial. Attendance is

taken every day, and *your class grade will be lowered by one letter grade for each 2 classes you miss.*

3. Please see the accompanying “**Hints**” sheet for further guidelines on these points.

Office hours: after class, and by appointment

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ENV 320C: T/R 12:15-2, and by appointment

Note: I do NOT check messages on my office phone