

PHIL 180 -- Phenomenology Fall 2012

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Lecture

Time: Tuesday / Thursday, 11:00am-12:20pm
Location: Warren Lecture Hall [WLH] 2113 [[map](#)] *note change in room*

Required textbooks

{available at UCSD Bookstore (Price Center), except * = TED}

*Brentano, *Psychology from an Empirical Standpoint* (Routledge, 1995)
Husserl, *Ideas pertaining to a Pure Phenomenology* (Routledge, 2012)
*Heidegger, *History of the Concept of Time* (Indiana, 1985)
Heidegger, *Being and Time*, trs. Macquarrie and Robinson (Harper, 2008)
Merleau-Ponty, *The World of Perception*, tr. Baldwin (Routledge, 2008)

Recommended textbooks

Dermot Moran, *Introduction to Phenomenology* (Routledge, 2000) [[google](#)]

Course description

Phenomenology emerges out of the context of 19th century German philosophy, as philosophers were attempting to come to grips with Kant's proposal that all of our knowledge is limited to appearances or 'phenomena', rather than to something whose reality is more mind-independent. While many took this to force us into a kind of skepticism about genuine knowledge, some of those working in philosophical psychology instead took something along the lines of Kant's science of phenomena to provide not just an ultimate antidote to skepticism but also the absolutely necessary place to begin all other philosophical and scientific investigation.

In this course, we will investigate phenomenology by tracing out some of the early highpoints its historical development, focusing on texts by authors like Franz BRENTANO (1838–1917), Edmund HUSSERL (1859–1938), and Martin HEIDEGGER (1889–1976), and Maurice MERLEAU-PONTY (1908–61).

Our goal will be to achieve a critical understanding of the method, findings, problems, and prospects of phenomenology, by working through some of the major texts of its key proponents.

Prerequisite: upper-division standing or consent of instructor.

Note: May be repeated for credit with change in content and approval of the instructor.

Course requirements

{tentative}

- * mid-term take-home exam (1500 words)
- * final paper (2500 words)
- * attendance and participation

Schedule of readings

{tentative}

- Brentano (wks 1-2)
- Husserl (wks 3-5)
- Heidegger (wks 6-8)
- Merleau-Ponty (wks 9-10)

Reference links

Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy entries (requires sign-in)

- Overview of the [phenomenological movement](#)
- Franz [Brentano](#)
- Edmund [Husserl](#)
- Martin [Heidegger](#)
- Maurice [Merleau-Ponty](#)
- Overview of [existentialism](#)

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy entries

- Overview of [phenomenology](#)
- Franz [Brentano](#)
- Edmund [Husserl](#)
- Maurice [Merleau-Ponty](#)
- Overview of [existentialism](#)

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