

Phil 190P/290P: Husserl

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Thurs., 10am–1pm.

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Course Requirements

For undergrads (190P): Classroom participation. Two 2 page response/analysis papers, on a rotating basis:

Group I (Anyanwu, Grove): Oct. 16, Nov. 6

Group II (Judd, Kieffer): Oct. 16, Nov. 13

Group III (Meza, Mova): Oct. 23, Nov. 20

Group IV (Rowe, Spielman, Conrad): Oct. 30, Dec. 4

Final paper, 8–12 pages, due Wed., Dec. 10.

For graduate students (290P): Classroom participation. If there is sufficient interest, I will hold a graduate section, time TBD, to discuss short additional readings (mostly from secondary literature). Final paper, approximately 20 pages (shorter is OK within reason, assuming the content is satisfactory, but not much longer, please).

Texts

Husserl, *Logical Investigations*, first edition.

Husserl, *Ideas pertaining to a Pure Phenomenology and to a Phenomenological Philosophy: First Book*, tr. F. Kersten (Kluwer) (ISBN: 902472852-5).

Note: the existing English translation of the *Logical Investigations*, by J.N. Findlay, is of the second edition. For the sections we will be reading, I have corrected that translation back to the first edition (and made a few other changes). The result will be made available on e-reserve, as will the initial readings from Hume and Brentano.

The *Ideas* should be available at the Literary Guillotine. I recommend using that translation, just so we will all be looking at the same text.

Of course if you read German you should use the original texts (see me about getting them).

Readings

Sep. 25: no reading, first class.

Oct. 2: David Hume, *A Treatise of Human Nature*, Book I, Part IV, §2 (selections) and Appendix (selections); Franz Brentano, *Psychology from an Empirical Standpoint*, Book II, Part I, ch. 1, §§1, 2, 5–7.

I. Essence and Fact; Ontology

Oct. 7 (Tuesday)¹: *Logical Investigations*, Prolegomena §§46, 48; II §§3, 4, 6; III §§1–5; *Ideas* §§1–8 (pp. 5–18).

Oct. 9: **no class** (Yom Kippur).

Oct. 16: *Ideas* §§9–17 (pp. 18–32).

II. Form and Content of Intentional Acts; The Constitution of the Thing

Oct. 23: *Logical Investigations*, I §23; V §§13, 20–21; VI §§4, 6, 8, 10, 11, 14b, 20–22, 25–7.

Oct. 30: *Ideas* §§85 (pp. 203–7), 87–91 (pp. 211–22), 97 (pp. 236–40), 98–108 (pp. 240–57).

Nov. 6: *Ideas* §§129–33 (pp. 309–18), 136–8 (pp. 326–33), 142–3 (pp. 340–43), 149–52 (pp. 355–66).

III. Immanence and Transcendence; Transcendental Idealism

Nov. 13: *Logical Investigations*, V §§1–5, 8; *Ideas*, Introduction (pp. xvii–xxiii), §§27 (pp. 51–3), 30–32 (pp. 56–62).

Nov. 20: *Ideas* §§33–4 (pp. 63–69), 38–46 (pp. 78–104).

Nov. 27: **no class** (Thanksgiving).

Dec. 4: *Ideas* §§47–9 (pp. 105–12), 55 (pp. 128–30), 80–82 (pp. 190–96), 144 (pp. 343–4).

Dec. 10: **final paper due.**

¹Or other day/time, TBD.