

**Twentieth-Century Continental Philosophy**  
**Philosophy 307**  
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We will begin with a survey of some of the central claims of the Nineteenth-Century. We will then trace the development of these views on the nature of the self and the sources of meaning through the work of Husserl, Heidegger, Sartre and Merleau-Ponty. A central question will be the structure of the modern subject: is a person essentially a stream of mental experiences, positing meaning in the world, or is a person first and foremost a 'lived body', one that is shaped by the culture that produced it?

**Tentative Reading Schedule:**

January 13	Introduction and 19 <sup>th</sup> -Century Background
January 18-20	Introduction: Husserl, <i>Ideas Pertaining to a Pure Phenomenology, I</i>
January 25-February 1	<i>Ideas I</i> ; selections from <i>The Paris Lectures</i>
February 1	<b>1<sup>st</sup> paper due</b>
February 3-March 1	Heidegger, <i>Being and Time</i>
March 3	<b>MIDTERM</b>
March 8-10	<b>SPRING BREAK</b>
March 15-17	Sartre, <i>The Transcendence of the Ego</i>
March 22-31	Sartre, <i>Being and Nothingness</i>
April 5	<b>2<sup>nd</sup> paper due</b>
April 7-26	Merleau-Ponty, <i>Phenomenology of Perception</i>

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You will be required to write two short essays (**20% each**), a midterm and a final exam (**25% each**). Attendance and participation: **10%**.

Attendance is essential, especially given the difficulty of the material. Three unexcused absences may result in your dismissal from the class.

The reading assignments will be given several days in advance; I will give you a set of pages for each week, but be prepared to adjust the schedule according to our progress. (This material cannot be rushed.) **You must bring the text to class.** (I am not kidding!) Expect to cover 50-100 pages of difficult reading per week.