

PIU33054 – Topics in Modern European Philosophy

Module Information	
Module Code	PIU33054
Module Title	Modern European Philosophy: Being and Time
Department	Philosophy
Year Group	Junior Sophister
Module Personnel	Dr. Lilian Alweiss
Academic Year	2026-27
Credit Weighting	5 ECTS
Semester	2
Contact Hours	2 lectures per week

Module Content	
Module Description	This course introduces you to Martin Heidegger's seminal work <i>Being and Time</i>. Through close engagement with the text, students will explore key concepts in modern philosophy and consider how Heidegger offers new ways of understanding our relationship to the world and to others. The course will examine Heidegger's response to fundamental questions concerning being and truth, including his engagement with the philosophy of Parmenides. It will also consider selected later writings, in order to trace the development and transformation of Heidegger's thought over time.
Learning Outcomes	On successful completion of this module students will be able to: - Critically evaluate Heidegger's critique of the metaphysical tradition. - Analyse Heidegger's engagement with and criticisms of Descartes and Kant. - Assess Heidegger's account of truth (Aletheia) in relation to the philosophy of Parmenides. - Explain and apply key concepts from <i>Being and Time</i>.

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Indicative Reading / Resources

Main Text: Heidegger: Being and Time

Two translations are available:

- 1) John Macquarrie & Edward Robinson, (Oxford: Blackwell, 1962);
- 2) Joan Stambaugh (State University of New York Press, 1996).

I prefer the first one, but you can use either.

Good Introductory Texts:

* Magda King: Heidegger's Philosophy a Guide to His Thought, Oxford: Basil Blackwell, 1964.

* Stephen Mulhall: Heidegger and Being and Time, London: Routledge, 1996.

A detailed reading list will be posted on Blackboard.

Assessment

Assessment Components

1 Essay worth 30% and an Exam worth 70%.

Assessment Details

1 Essay and 1 (1.5 hour) Exam.

Additional Information

Prerequisites

None.

Co-requisites

None.

Any other information

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