

Philosophy 385
Seminar in Phenomenology
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Tribble Hall
MW 12:30-1:45

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Texts

Primary

- Chrétien, J.-L. (2003). *Hand-to-Hand: Listening to the Work of Art*. New York: Fordham University Press.
- Falque, E. (2018). *The Guide to Gethsemane: Anxiety, Suffering, Death*. New York: Fordham University Press.
- Henry, M. (2012). *Barbarism*. London: Continuum
- Lacoste, J.-Y. (2018). *The Appearing of God*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

Secondary

- DeLay, S. (2019). *Phenomenology in France: A Philosophical and Theological Introduction*. New York and London: Routledge.

Course Summary

Phenomenology is widely considered to have been among the most influential philosophical movements of the twentieth century. But the tradition continues. This course will introduce you to some of the most current work being done today by phenomenologists in France. Topics we'll explore include art, embodiment, language, time, love, death, technological nihilism, and God.

Course Requirements

There will be two papers, a short one, and then a longer final paper. Both will be on topics of your choice.

Class attendance and participation are important. That's the time for us to dig into the material. If we do it right, it will be rewarding! If you know you are going to be absent from a given class for a university excused reason (sports competition, death in the family, interview, illness, etc.) let me know by e-mail so I can make sure you're not going to fall

behind. Excessive unexcused absences (more than three) may result in a decrease in the final grade. Good attendance with little participation will leave the final grade unchanged. Good attendance with thoughtful participation will only help your final grade.

Grading

First Paper	30%
Second Paper	60%
Participation	10%

The last exam is slated for Monday, December 10 at 9 am in our usual classroom.

Office Hours

My office is at Tribble Hall room B306. Office hours are Tuesday and Thursday from 2 pm to 3pm and Friday from 12 pm to 1 pm or by appointment. Please-mail me or catch me in person to arrange an appointment for a time that works for you. I am very happy to help however I can, so please don't hesitate to reach out!

Please Note: If you have a disability that may require an accommodation for taking this course, please contact the Learning Assistance Center (758-5929, <http://lac.wfu.edu/>) within the first two weeks of the semester and let me know as well.