

# Hegel's *Science of Logic* (1812 – 1816)

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## Readings for Spring 2015

We are reading the edition of Hegel's *Science of Logic* translated by A. V. Miller, and published by Humanity Books. This translation is 844 pages long and we will read approximately 1/3 of the work for each of the three semesters (Fall, Spring, Summer) of the 2014 – 2015 academic year.

The Science of Logic consists of three major parts. The first two were published by Hegel as “Volume 1: The Objective Logic” and the third as “Volume 2: Subjective Logic or The Doctrine of the Notion”. The two parts of “The Objective Logic” are “Book 1: The Doctrine of Being” and “Book 2: The Doctrine of Essence”. So, in the Fall 2014 term, we will read “The Doctrine of Being”; in the Spring 2015 term, we will read “The Doctrine of Essence”; and in the Summer 2015 term we will read “The Doctrine of the Notion”. So we will cover the entire book over the year.

The “Doctrine of Being” is 360 pages; “The Doctrine of Essence” is 182 pages; and “The Doctrine of the Notion” is 269 pages long. So, while the Fall 2014 semester will have the most reading, the remaining two semesters will have somewhat less a reading load. But, this seems the best way of breaking up the work into parts in order to cover it all.

The readings for the Spring 2015 term will be:

For Week	Pages / ¶¶	To be read by	Content	Pages/day (roughly)
2	389 – 408 / ¶¶ 787 – 848	February 6	Introductory and start of Section 1, “Essence as Reflection Within Itself”, Ch 1, “Illusory Being” (“Schein”)	2.7
3	409 – 427 / ¶¶ 849 – 909	February 13	Ch 2, “The Essentialities or Determinations of Reflection” (start)	2.6
4	427 – 443 / ¶¶ 910 – 951	February 27	Ch 2, “The Essentialities or Determinations of Reflection” (end)	2.3
5	444 – 461 / ¶¶ 952 – 990	March 6	Ch 3, “Ground” (start)	2.4
6	461 – 478 / ¶¶ 991 – 1021	March 13	Ch 3, “Ground” (end)	2.4
7	479 – 498 / ¶¶ 1022 – 1062	March 20	Start of Section 2, “Appearance” (“Erscheinung”), Ch 1, “Existence”	2.7
8	499 – 511 / ¶¶ 1063 – 1096	March 27	Ch 2, “Appearance”	1.7
9	512 – 528 / ¶¶ 1097 – 1142	April 3	Ch 3, “The Essential Relation”	2.3
10	529 – 546 / ¶¶ 1143 – 1196	April 10	Start of Section 3, “Actuality”, Ch 1, “The Absolute”, and Ch 2, “Actuality” (start)	2.4
11	546 – 557 / ¶¶ 1197 – 1230	April 17	Ch 2, “Actuality” (end) and Ch 3, “The Absolute Relation” (start)	1.6
12	558 – 571 / ¶¶ 1231 – 1263	April 24	Ch 3, “The Absolute Relation” (end)	1.9