

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

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## Readings for Fall 2014

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 Fall 2014 term will be:

For Week	Pages	To be read by	Content	Pages/day (roughly)
2	25 – 64	September 26	Prefaces and Introduction	5.6
3	67 – 108	October 3	Introductory to Doctrine of Being and start of Section 1, “Determinateness (Quality)”: Ch 1, “Being” (“Sein”)	5.9
4	109 – 156	October 10	Ch 2, “Determinate Being” (“Dasein”)	6.7
5	157 – 184	October 17	Ch 3, “Being-for-self” (“Das Fürsichsein”)	3.9
6	185 – 217	October 24	Start of Section 2, “Magnitude (Quantity)”: Ch 1, “Quantity” and start of Ch 2, “Quantum”	4.6
7	217 – 250	October 31	Section 2, Ch 2, “Quantum” (cont.)	4.7
8	250 – 282	November 7	Section 2, Ch 2, “Quantum” (cont.)	4.6
9	282 – 313	November 14	Section 2, Ch 2, “Quantum” (end)	4.4
10	314 – 347	November 21	Section 2, Ch 3, “The Quantitative Relation or Quantitative Ratio”; start of Section 3, “Measure”, Ch 1, “Specific Quantitaty”	4.7
11	348 – 366	November 28	Ch 2, “Real Measure” (start)	2.6
12	366 – 385	December 5	Ch 2, “Real Measure” (end), Ch 3, “The Becoming of Essence”	2.7
13	Finishing up.	December 12	Summary of class and look-forward to the Doctrine of Essence.	