

HISTORY OF ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

PHIL316 (A01)

Mainstream Western contemporary philosophy is "analytic philosophy". Analytic philosophy emerged from a series of remarkable innovations primarily in logic, the philosophy of language, and the philosophy of science. These innovations profoundly influenced all areas of philosophy. This course surveys the roots and legacies of these innovations by examining the main themes and methods dominating early analytic philosophy as well as some of the major figures engaged with them.

PREREQUISITES PHIL203 + 3 units of philosophy, or permission.

PLACE/TIME Remote instruction with asynchronous (↔) and synchronous (⌚) components. Synchronous components will be held "in-class" on Mondays 3:30-6:20PM.

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OFFICE HOURS • via Zoom Mon/Wed 2:00-3:00PM or by appointment on weekdays.

LMS 🌐 bright.uvic.ca/d2l/home/50946 (Consult for all official course documents.)

TEXTS — BEFORE BUYING: TEXTS ARE ON RESERVE AND MANY ARE ALSO AVAILABLE ONLINE —

- Ayer, *Language, Truth, and Logic* (Dover)
- Frege, *The Foundations of Arithmetic*, trans. Austin (Wiley-Blackwell)
- Kripke, *Naming and Necessity* (Harvard)
- Russell, *The Philosophy of Logical Atomism* (Routledge)
- Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, 2nd edition, trans. McGuinness & Pears (Routledge)
- Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Investigations*, 4th edition, trans. Anscombe, Hacker & Schulte; ed. Hacker & Schulte (Wiley-Blackwell)

EVALUATION

RUBRIC The grades (📊 [UVic's scale](#)) you earn are determined by the philosophical craftsmanship of your work for this course according to the **RUBRIC**: 🌐 mikeraven.net/teaching/Rubric.pdf

WORK 📄 **ESSAYS** [50%] By the levels system, to be submitted prior to a MILESTONE. (↔) 🌐 mikeraven.net/teaching/Levels System.pdf

☑ **CHECKPOINTS** [20%] Best 7 of 10 short online assignments. (↔)

🕒 **ENGAGEMENT** [30%] By online forum (↔) or "in-class" videoconference (⌚). 🌐 mikeraven.net/teaching/Engagement.pdf

GRACE POINTS A **grace point** delays an essay due date by 1 day. They may be used in any combination without justification. Students start with 5 and cannot reuse, trade, or earn any.

LATENESS No work submitted after a due date will be accepted, except for appropriate accessibility reasons (see **ACCESSIBILITY**).

POLICIES

CONDUCT Enrolling binds you to a social contract with your instructor and classmates:

- **Be prepared.** Read the syllabus. Do the reading before class. Attend class.
- **Be respectful.** Don't bully or distract others.
- **Be professional.** Check sources. Follow etiquette. Allow 1 day for replies.

ACCESSIBILITY Arrange accommodations with [CAL](#). Other accommodation requests (e.g. extra credit, extensions, alternate/make-up work) will *not* be considered, except in extraordinary cases (instructor's discretion) and when both the request and documentation are received within 3 days of the due date.

GUESTS Guests permitted only with instructor's prior consent.

INTEGRITY Plagiarism and cheating are not tolerated. Ignorance is no excuse. Read:
www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/academics/academic-integrity/

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SCHEDULE

Read all assigned readings *before* each class (including SEP 14). Consult [LMS](#) for updates.

LOGICISM

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|---|--------|---|--------------------|
| ⌚ | SEP 14 | • Frege, <i>The Foundations of Arithmetic</i> | Introduction, I-II |
| ⌚ | SEP 21 | • Frege, <i>The Foundations of Arithmetic</i> | §§46,55-69,70-83 |
| ↕ | SEP 24 | ✦ MILESTONE 1 | |

ANALYSIS

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|---|--------|---|--|
| ⌚ | SEP 28 | • Moore, "A Defence of Common Sense" | |
| | | • Stebbing, "The Method of Analysis in Metaphysics" | |
| ↕ | OCT 8 | ✦ MILESTONE 2 | |

ATOMISM

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|---|--------|---|------------|
| ⌚ | OCT 5 | • Russell, <i>The Philosophy of Logical Atomism</i> | I-III,V-VI |
| ⌚ | OCT 19 | • Wittgenstein, <i>Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus</i> | |
| ↕ | OCT 22 | ✦ MILESTONE 3 | |

POSITIVISM

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| ⌚ | OCT 26 | • Ayer, <i>Language, Truth, and Logic</i> | I,IV |
| | | • Hempel, "Empiricist Criteria of Cognitive Significance" | |
| ⌚ | NOV 2 | • Carnap, "Empiricism, Semantics, and Ontology" | |
| | | • Quine, "Two Dogmas of Empiricism" | |
| ↕ | NOV 12 | ✦ MILESTONE 4 | |

ORDINARY LANGUAGE

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| ⌚ | NOV 16 | • Wittgenstein, <i>Philosophical Investigations</i> | §§1-133,143-155,177-202 |
| ⌚ | NOV 23 | • Anscombe, "The First Person" | |
| | | • Grice, "Logic and Conversation" | |
| ↕ | NOV 26 | ✦ MILESTONE 5 | |

BEYOND

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| ⌚ | NOV 30 | • Marcus, "Modalities and Intensional Languages" | 303-314 |
| | | • Kripke, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> | I,II |
| ↕ | DEC 10 | ✦ MILESTONE 6 | |