

METAPHYSICS

PHIL352 (AO1)

Metaphysics concerns the nature of reality. This intermediate course surveys: space, properties, existence, cause, possibility, objects, persistence, and time.

PREREQUISITES	PHIL203 + 3 units of philosophy, or permission.
PLACE/TIME	ELL 160, Mon/Thu 1:00pm-2:20pm
INSTRUCTOR	DR Mike Raven (✉ mike@mikeraven.net • 📧 mikeraven.net)
OFFICE HOURS	CLE B323 Monday 2:30-4:30pm, or by appointment.
WEBSITE	📄 coursespaces.uvic.ca/course/view.php?id=51695
TEXTS	R † CONEE & SIDER, <i>Riddles of Existence (New Edition)</i> M • KIM, KORMAN, & SOSA (eds.), <i>Metaphysics (2nd ed.)</i> K • KRIPKE, <i>Naming and Necessity</i>

EVALUATION

GRADES	The grade you earn is determined by the quality of your work in this course. The university's scale is used: A+>90 A89-85 A-84-80 B+79-77 B76-73 B-72-70 C+69-65 C64-60 D59-50 F<50
WORK	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• 3 problem sets (75%): Due (<i>tentative</i>): OCT5, NOV9, DEC10• Checkpoints (20%): Best 7 of 10 unscheduled in-class assignments.• Participation (5%): Evidence of engagement with the course.
RUBRIC	Work is evaluated for craftsmanship, in accordance with the guidelines in: 📄 mikeraven.net/teaching/[Raven]PhilosophyRubric.pdf
ACCESSIBILITY	All accessibility accommodations should be arranged by CAL. Other requests for accommodations (e.g. extensions, extra credit, alternate or make-up assignments) will <i>not</i> be considered, except under extraordinary circumstances (instructor's discretion) and with apt documentation.
GRACE POINTS	Each student begins with 5 grace points . Each point can be used to delay a due date by 1 day. Points can be used in any combination at the students' discretion. Inform the instructor in writing how many points are used upon submission (no justification needed). Points cannot be reused, traded, or earned.
LATENESS	Late work is penalized 5% per day late and is not entitled to feedback.

POLICIES

CONDUCT	Enrolling binds you to a social contract with your instructor and classmates: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Be prepared. Read the syllabus. Do the reading before class. Attend class.• Be respectful. In class, don't bully or distract. In work, follow RUBRIC §3.4.• Be professional. Check sources first (don't expect replies to questions answered by the syllabus). Follow etiquette. Allow time for replies.
RECORDINGS	Recordings permitted only with instructor's prior consent. Do not distribute.
GUESTS	Guests permitted only with instructor's prior consent.
INTEGRITY	Plagiarism and cheating are not tolerated. Ignorance is no excuse. Read: 📄 web.uvic.ca/calendar2018-05/undergrad/info/regulations/academic-integrity.html

SCHEDULE *Tentative: see website for updates. ('#_a(#_o)'=anthology / original pagination.)*

INTRODUCTION

SEP 6 | Introduction

SPACE

SEP 10 | • [DASGUPTA, "Substantivalism vs. Relationalism About Space in Classical Physics"](#) [601-13]
13 | • BLACK, "The Identity of Indiscernibles" [M8]

PROPERTIES † CONEE & SIDER, "Universals" [R8]

SEP 17 | • [CAMPBELL, "The Metaphysics of Abstract Particulars"](#) [M22]
20 | • ARMSTRONG, "Universals as Attributes" [M24: §§1-3]

EXISTENCE † CONEE & SIDER, "Universals" [R8]

SEP 24 | • [QUINE, "On What There is"](#) [M1: TO 9(29)]
27 | • ARMSTRONG, "Universals as Attributes" [M24: §§4-8]
OCT 1 | • [LEWIS, "New Work for a Theory of Universals"](#) [M23: TO 314(355)]

CAUSE † CONEE & SIDER, "Possibility & Necessity" [R9: 183-92]

OCT 4 | ↓ [HUME, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*](#) [S7]
↓ [LEWIS, "New Work for a Theory of Universals"](#) [M23: § "Laws"]
11 | • ANSCOMBE, "Causality and Determination" [M28]
15,18 | ↓ DAVIS, "Counterfactuals"
↓ [LEWIS, "Causation"](#) [M29]

MODALITY † CONEE & SIDER, "Possibility & Necessity" [R9: 192-8]

OCT 22 | ↓ KRIPKE, *Naming and Necessity* [K: 34-39]
↓ PLANTINGA, "Modalities: Basic Concepts and Distinctions" [M14: §1]
25,29 | ↓ LEWIS, "A Philosopher's Paradise" [M16: skip §1.4]
↓ KRIPKE, *Naming and Necessity* [K: 39-53]
NOV 1 | ↓ KRIPKE, *Naming and Necessity* [K: 106-16]
↓ [FINE, "Essence and Modality"](#) [M19]

OBJECTS † CONEE & SIDER, "Constitution" [R7: 136-49]

NOV 5 | ↓ KRIPKE, *Naming and Necessity* [K: 97-105]
↓ [GIBBARD, "Contingent Identity"](#) [M11: §§1-4]
8 | ↓ [GIBBARD, "Contingent Identity"](#) [M11: §§5-8]
↓ [FINE, "A Counter-Example to Locke's Thesis"](#)
15 | • [BAKER, "Why Constitution is not Identity"](#)

PERSISTENCE † CONEE & SIDER, "Constitution" [R7: 149-55]

NOV 19 | • [THOMSON, "Parthood and Identity Across Time"](#) [M35: §§1-V]
22 | ↓ LEWIS, "The Problem of Temporary Intrinsic" [M37]
↓ [HASLANGER, "Endurance and Temporary Intrinsic"](#) [M38]
26 | • [FINE, "In Defense of Three-dimensionalism"](#)

TIME † CONEE & SIDER, "Time" [R3]

NOV 29 | • [HINCHLIFF, "The Puzzle of Change"](#)
DEC 3 | • [HAWLEY, "Metaphysics and Relativity"](#)

SURVEY

At the end of the term, please complete a *course experience survey* (CES) at ces.uvic.ca.