PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE   PHIL354 (AO1)

Philosophy of language concerns meaning, reference, and communication, and has massively influenced recent philosophy. This intermediate course surveys: names, descriptions, kind terms, indexicals, ascriptions, conversation, truth, and meaning.

PREREQUISITES	PHIL203 + 3 units of philosophy, or permission.
INSTRUCTOR	Dr. Mike Raven (✉ raven@uvic.ca • 🖥 raven.site)
	OFFICE HOURS • via Zoom Mon/Thu 2:30-3:30PM or by appointment on weekdays.
LMS	🖥 bright.uvic.ca/d2l/home/50948 (Consult for updates and current course documents.)
	SSO / @uvic.ca credentials required for ZOOM, recommended for LMS and email.
INSTRUCTION	Remote instruction with asynchronous (⇆) and synchronous (🕐) components.
	🕐 Class meetings are held on Wednesdays 3:30-6:20PM on ZOOM:
	🖥 www.uvic.ca/systems/services/avmultimedia/zoomvideoconferencing/index.php
	⇆ Recordings available next day on 🖥 KALTURA MEDIA GALLERY.
TEXTS	**REQUIRED** (*purchase*) 📖 Kripke, *Naming and Necessity* (Harvard)
	REQUIRED (*free online*) 🖥 Lycan, *The Philosophy of Language,* 3rd edition (Routledge)
	OPTIONAL (*purchase*) 📖 Martinich & Sosa, *The Philosophy of Language,* 6th edition (Oxford)

EVALUATION

RUBRIC	Grades (🖥 UVic's scale) you earn are determined by the philosophical craftsmanship of your work for this course according to the **RUBRIC**: 🖥 raven.site/teaching/Rubric.pdf	
WORK	📑 **ESSAYS** [$^2/_3$]	⇆ By the levels system, to be submitted prior to a MILESTONE. 🖥 raven.site/teaching/Levels System.pdf
	☑ **CHECKPOINTS** [$^1/_6$]	⇆ Best 8 of 10 short online assignments.
	↻ **ENGAGEMENT** [$^1/_6$]	By online forum (⇆) or "in-class" videoconference (🕐). 🖥 raven.site/teaching/Engagement.pdf
GRACE POINTS	A **grace point** delays an essay due date by 1 day. May be used in any combination without justification. Students start with 5 and cannot reuse, trade, or earn any.	
LATENESS	Work submitted after a due date will *not* be accepted (see **ACCESSIBILITY** for exceptions).	

POLICIES

CONDUCT	Enrolling binds you to a social contract with your instructor and classmates:
	• **Be prepared**. Consult course documents. Read assigned text before class.
	• **Be engaged**. Attend class. Use office hours and tutorials.
	• **Be respectful**. Don't bully or distract others (mute mic, avoid excess chats).
	• **Be professional**. Check sources first. Follow etiquette. Allow ≥1 day for replies.
ACCESSIBILITY	Arrange accommodations with CAL. Other accommodations (e.g. extra credit, extensions, alternate/makeup work) will *not* be considered, except by instructor's discretion for extraordinary cases (e.g. *not* computer/wi-fi problems) and when the request and any needed documentation are received within 3 days of the due date.
GUESTS	Guests permitted only with instructor's prior consent.
INTEGRITY	Plagiarism, cheating, and submitting others' work is an academic integrity violation. Ignorance is no excuse. Familiarize yourself with what academic integrity is:
	🖥 www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/academics/academic-integrity/

SCHEDULE

Read all assigned readings *before* each class (including JAN 13).　　Consult ⌨ LMS for updates.

Readings available in the Martinich & Sosa anthology are marked (•).

INTRO

| 🕐 | JAN 13 | • Frege, "On Sense and Reference" | ■ Lycan, ch.1 & ch.5 |

DESCRIPTIONS

🕐	JAN 20	• Russell, "On Denoting" • Strawson, "On Referring"	■ Lycan, 9-22,31-38
🕐	JAN 27	• Donnellan, "Reference and Definite Descriptions" • Kripke, "Speaker's Reference and Semantic Reference"	■ Lycan, 22-30
⇄	JAN 29	✦ **MILESTONE 1**	

NAMES

🕐	FEB 3	◆ Kripke, *Naming and Necessity*, Lecture I-II	■ Lycan, 38-42, 45-61
🕐	FEB 10	◆ Kripke, *Naming and Necessity*, Lecture III • Putnam, "Meaning and Reference"	■ Lycan, 61-66
⇄	FEB 12	✦ **MILESTONE 2**	
🕐	FEB 24	• Kripke, "A Puzzle about Belief"	

INDEXICALS

| 🕐 | MAR 3 | • Kaplan, "Demonstratives", I-VI,IX,XI,XIII,XIV
• Perry, "The Problem of the Essential Indexical" | ■ Lycan, ch.11 |
| ⇄ | MAR 5 | ✦ **MILESTONE 3** | |

CONVERSATION

🕐	MAR 10	• Grice, "Logic and Conversation"	■ Lycan, ch.13
🕐	MAR 17	• Stalnaker, "Assertion" ◆ Kripke, *Naming and Necessity*, 54-56, 97-116	■ Lycan, 129-132
⇄	MAR 19	✦ **MILESTONE 4**	

MEANING

🕐	MAR 24	• Grice, "Meaning" ◆ Searle, "What is a Speech Act?" ◆ Platts, *Ways of Meaning*, 86-94	■ Lycan, ch.7
🕐	MAR 31	• Tarski, "The Semantic Conception of Truth", §§1-13 • Davidson, "Truth and Meaning"	■ Lycan, ch.9,132-138
⇄	APR 2	✦ **MILESTONE 5**	

LANGUAGE

| 🕐 | APR 7 | ◆ Kripke, "On Rules and Private Language"
◆ Millikan, "Truth Rules, Hoverflies, and the Kripke-Wittgenstein Paradox" | |
| ⇄ | APR 16 | ✦ **MILESTONE 6** | |