HISTORY OF ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

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 PHIL 203 + 3 units of philosophy, or permission.

PLACE/TIME Remote instruction with asynchronous (△) and synchronous (▽) components. Synchronous components will be held “in-class” on Mondays 3:30-6:20 pm.

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OFFICE HOURS • via Zoom Mon/Wed 2:00-3:00 pm 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)
• Kripke, Naming and Necessity (Harvard)
• Russell, The Philosophy of Logical Atomism (Routledge)

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. (▽)
 Streets mikeraven.net/teaching/Levels System.pdf

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

☑ ENGAGEMENT [30%] By online forum (▽) or “in-class” videoconference (▽).
 Streets 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.
This syllabus is subject to revision, pending updates to UVic’s COVID-19 response

**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/](http://www.uvic.ca/current-students/home/academics/academic-integrity/)

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**SCHEDULE**

| LOGICISM |  
|---|---|---|  
| SEP 14 | • Frege, *The Foundations of Arithmetic*  
| SEP 21 | • Frege, *The Foundations of Arithmetic*  
| SEP 24 | MILESTONE 1  

| ANALYSIS |  
|---|---|---|  
| SEP 28 | Moore, “A Defence of Common Sense”  
| OCT 8 | Stebbing, “The Method of Analysis in Metaphysics”  
| | MILESTONE 2  

| ATOMISM |  
|---|---|---|  
| OCT 5 | • Russell, *The Philosophy of Logical Atomism*  
| OCT 19 | • Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*  
| OCT 22 | MILESTONE 3  

| POSITIVISM |  
|---|---|---|  
| OCT 26 | • Ayer, *Language, Truth, and Logic*  
| NOV 2 | Hempel, “Empiricist Criteria of Cognitive Significance”  
| NOV 12 | Carnap, “Empiricism, Semantics, and Ontology”  
| | Quine, “Two Dogmas of Empiricism”  
| | MILESTONE 4  

| ORDINARY LANGUAGE |  
|---|---|---|  
| NOV 16 | • Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Investigations*  
| NOV 23 | • Anscombe, “The First Person”  
| | Grice, “Logic and Conversation”  
| | MILESTONE 5  

| BEYOND |  
|---|---|---|  
| NOV 30 | • Marcus, “Modalities and Intensional Languages”  
| DEC 10 | Kripke, *Naming and Necessity*  
| | MILESTONE 6  

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Syllabus  
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