

SYLLABUS

REQUIRED TEXTS

A. P. Martinich, ed.: *The Philosophy of Language: Fifth Edition* (all page references below are to this book).

David Kaplan: "Demonstratives" (excerpts). Available for download on course website or on e-reserve.

TOPICS AND READINGS

Preliminaries

Topics

Introduction to philosophy of language; basic terms and concepts; review of first-order predicate logic with identity.

Reading

Introduction, pp. 1-28

Tarski: "The Semantic Conception of Truth" §§1-11, pp. 85-93

Handout on Logic

Handout on Translation

Meaning

Introduction to Part I, pp. 32-35

H. P. Grice: "Meaning," pp. 108-113

Sense and Denotation

Introduction to Part III, pp. 209-216

Gottlob Frege: "On Sense and Nominatum," pp.217-229

Gottlob Frege: "The Thought: A Logical Inquiry," pp. 36-49

Definite Descriptions

Bertrand Russell: "On Denoting," pp. 230-238

Bertrand Russell: "Descriptions," pp. 239-245

P. F. Strawson: "On Referring," pp. 246-260

Bertrand Russell: "Mr. Strawson on Referring," pp. 261-264

Keith Donnellan: "Reference and Definite Descriptions," pp. 265-277

Names

Introduction to Part IV, pp. 279-283

John Stuart Mill: "Of Names," pp. 284-289

Saul Kripke: "Naming and Necessity," pp. 290-305

Hilary Putnam: "Meaning and Reference," pp. 306-313

Gareth Evans: "The Causal Theory of Names," pp. 314-325

John Searle: "Proper Names and Intentionality," pp. 326-342

Demonstratives and Indexicals

David Kaplan: "Dthat," pp. 343-356

David Kaplan: "Demonstratives" (excerpts, download from course web site)

John Perry: "The Problem of the Essential Indexical," pp. 366-376

Propositional Attitudes

Introduction to Part V, pp. 379-382

W. V. O. Quine: "Quantifiers and Propositional Attitudes," pp. 383-388

David Kaplan: "Quantifying In," pp. 399-419

Saul Kripke: "A Puzzle about Belief," pp. 433-459

Speech Acts

Introduction to Part II, pp. 131-135

H. P. Grice: "Logic and Conversation," pp. 171-181

WRITTEN WORK

Your grade for this course will be determined by an in-class mid-term exam and a final project, which will be either a take-home exam or a 2500-3500 word (10-12 page) term paper. If you choose the term paper option, the choice of topic is yours, provided that it is related to the issues and philosophers treated in this course. (Check with me if you are in any doubt about whether your topic is appropriate.) Due date for the final project is Monday, December 8.

Study questions for mid-term exam will be made available approximately one week before the exam. The take-home final will be posted not later than December 1. See course web site for details.

Graduate students in philosophy and undergraduates taking the course for (optional) W (writing) credit are required to write a term paper; all others may choose either the paper or take-home exam option.

If you are taking the course for W-credit, you must submit a preliminary draft, proposal, abstract, or outline of the paper by November 13. Your final draft should respond to the comments I give you on the preliminary draft.

IMPORTANT DATES

October 21	Exam questions posted
October 28	Midterm exam
November 13	Preliminary drafts due (paper option, W-credit)
December 1	Final exam questions posted
December 8	Final project due