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Analytic Philosophy
Fall 2003

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This course is an historical introduction to the analytic tradition in philosophy. After studying some examples of analytic methods and some internal critiques of the presuppositions of analytic philosophy, we will proceed to an in-depth study of the writings of Ludwig Wittgenstein. We will survey Wittgenstein's views on several major areas of philosophy and examine whether his claim that logical analysis of language can eliminate traditional philosophical questions should be seen as an extension of analytic philosophy or a refutation of it.

TEXTS (available at the bookstore)

Hales, S., editor. Analytic Philosophy Wadsworth, 2002
Kenny, A., editor. The Wittgenstein Reader Blackwell

LEARNING OUTCOMES

By the end of the semester you will be able to:

- 1) Demonstrate an ability to identify and articulate, both orally and in writing, the central philosophical issues found in classic analytic texts.
- 2) Identify the primary philosophical themes and issues that define analytic philosophy.
- 3) Explain the central philosophical positions of several analytical philosophers.
- 4) Conduct research on a philosophical topic and write an extended critical paper that presents and critically evaluates competing interpretations of primary texts.

REQUIREMENTS

Attendance, class participation (10%), weekly answers to study questions (30%), two 3-5 critical papers (25%), and a final 10-15 page paper that will be developed throughout the semester (preliminary work 10%; final paper 25%). No final exam. Missing or late assignments count as zero (0). Final letter grade will be determined on the basis of total points, not on average letter grades given on the assignments.

ATTENDANCE

You are required to attend class for the full class period and to participate. If you have more than two unexcused absences during the semester, you will be penalized one half of a grade point in your final course grade for each unexcused absence. It is your responsibility to contact me promptly when you must miss class, and provide an excuse if you must arrive late or leave early.

PAPER DUE DATES

Study Questions will be due each Monday

The preliminary work leading to the final paper is due as follows:

Bibliography, 9/15/03

Summary, 9/22/03

Prospectus, 9/29/03

Rewrite of the Prospectus and expanded summary, 10/13/03

In class presentation, 12/8/03 or 12/10/03.

Final Paper due 12/17/03.

The short papers will be due 10/27/03 and 12/1/03.

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WEEKLY STUDY QUESTIONS

A short set of questions about the readings will be distributed each week. Your assignment is to write a summary of the reading that addresses these questions. Your summary cannot merely be notes that address the questions, nor can it be a recitation of everything that the author wrote, but rather must be a paragraph or two that expresses these main ideas of the text in your own words. Read, take notes, formulate answers, write these up into paragraphs, edit. These summaries should be short (approximately one page), typewritten and double-spaced. They are due each Monday and cover the reading for that week. When we discuss two separate readings during a week, you may turn in the summary of the second article on Wednesday. Since it is very important that you read and prepare for discussion in class, these assignments cannot be turned in late without a medical or other legitimate excuse, such as a major catastrophe. These assignments count as part of your final grade and are important.

MAKE UP WORK

Illness, a serious and immediate crisis, or student activities which are official, required and cannot be avoided are the only reasons that will be accepted for missing class, or turning in papers late. You must either inform me in advance of an excuse for missing a deadline, or else have written documentation. Class participation assignments cannot be made up. *Excused absences can only amount to one third of class work; if you miss more, you will be required to withdraw.*

RESOURCE MATERIALS (available at the library)

Philosopher's index (Online : Silver Platter Information, Inc.) Bowling Green, Ohio: Philosopher's Information Center <http://www.usfca.edu/library/databases/index.html>
then follow links to Silver Platter and the Philosopher's index

The Philosopher's index (paper version) Bowling Green, Ohio: Philosophy Documentation Center
REF. ANNEX B1 .P46

Routledge encyclopedia of philosophy. Edward Craig, general editor.
London; New York: Routledge, 1998 Paper version
REFERENCE B51 .R68 1998 vol. 1-10; B51 .C58 2000 supplement
Online Version <http://www.usfca.edu/library/databases/> Choose Alphabetical, then R, etc.

The Encyclopedia of philosophy. Paul Edwards, editor in chief
New York: Macmillan, 1967 REFERENCE B51 .E5 vol. 1-8

Full Text Electronic Journal Holdings <http://www.usfca.edu/library/fulltext/jnlsA.html>
JSTOR is probably the most useful of the electronic holdings. It is also searchable.
<http://www.usfca.edu/library/databases/jstor.html>

Sarkar, Sahotra, ed. Science and philosophy in the twentieth century. New York: Garland Pub., 1996.

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| v. 1 | The Emergence of logical empiricism | B824.6 .E438 1996 |
| v. 2 | Logical empiricism at its peak | B824.6 .L623 1996 |
| v. 3 | Logic, probability, and epistemology | B824.6 .L622 1996 |
| v. 4 | Logical empiricism and the special sciences | H61 .S324 1996 |
| v. 5 | Decline and obsolescence of logical empiricism | B824.6 .D37 1996 |
| v. 6 | The Legacy of the Vienna circle | B824.6 .L43 1996 |

APPROXIMATE READING SCHEDULE

(all readings are in the two textbooks, Hale and Kenny, unless otherwise noted)

I. The Linguistic Turn: Examples of Analytic Method

9/8 pp. 21-32 Frege, "On Sense and Reference"
9/10 pp. 33-40 Russell, "On Denoting"

II. The Rejection of Traditional Philosophy

9/15 pp. 166-175 Russell, "Knowledge by Acquaintance and Knowledge by Description"
Bibliography of article for Final Paper due Monday 9/15/03
9/17 pp. 105-117 Carnap, "Elimination of Metaphysics through the Logical Analysis of Language"

III. Criticisms of the New Empiricism

9/22 & 24 pp. 193-205 Quine, "Two Dogmas of Empiricism"
9/22 Summary of article for Final Paper due Monday 9/22/03
9/29 [on reserve] Hempel, "Problems and Changes in the Empiricist Criterion of Meaning"
Prospectus of Final Paper due Monday 9/29/03
9/31 [on reserve] Austin, selection from Sense and Sensibilia
10/6 Guest Lecture by Don Howard on The Vienna Circle (date/time/place TBA)
10/8 Reduction and Emergence Conference (regular class time, LM 148)

IV. Rethinking Ethics

10/13 pp. 314-323 Moore, "The indefinability of good"
10/15 pp. 333-342 Stevenson, "The Emotive Meaning of Ethical Terms"

V. Wittgenstein's Trajectory

10/20 & 22 pp. 53-66 Wittgenstein: Meaning and Understanding
10/27 & 29 pp. 69-83 Wittgenstein: Intentionality
First Short Paper due Monday, 10/27/03
11/3 & 5 pp. 87-107 Wittgenstein: Following a Rule
11/10 & 12 pp. 111-125 Wittgenstein: Rule and Thinking
11/17 & 19 pp. 129-137 Wittgenstein: The Will and continuation of Thinking
11/24 & 26 pp. 141-169 Wittgenstein: Private Language Argument
12/1 & 3 pp. 141-169 continued
Second Short Paper due Monday, 12/1/03
12/8-10 Student Presentations (Our Last Class 12/10/03)
12/17 Final paper due (last day of finals)

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Papers for final projects

I. Philosophy of Language

_____	pp. 41-54	Stawson, "On Referring"
_____	pp. 55-63	Austin, "The Meaning of a Word"
_____	pp. 76-82	Grice, "Meaning"

II. Metaphysics

_____	pp. 93-104	Frege, "The Thought: A logical inquiry "
_____	pp. 118-132	Ayer, "The Constitution of Material Things"
_____	pp. 133-142	Quine, "On What there Is"
_____	pp. 142-147 pp. 147-155	Black, "The Identity of Indiscernables" Williams, "On the Elements of Being"

III. Epistemology

_____	pp. 175-186	Moore, "Defense of Common Sense"
_____	pp. -	Wittgenstein: Scepticism and Certainty
_____	pp. 186-193	Lewis, "The Given Element in Experience"
_____	pp. 206-218	Ayer, "The Nature of Knowledge"

IV. Philosophy of Mind

_____	pp. 231-243	Brentano, "The Distinction between Mental and Physical Phenomena"
_____	pp. 243-260	Broad, "The Traditional Problem of Body and Mind"
_____	pp. 260-267	Ryle, "Descartes' Myth"
_____	pp. 267-283	Turing, "Computing Machinery and Intelligence"
_____	pp. 283-289	Putnam, "Minds and Machines"

V. Ethics

_____	pp. 324-333	Prichard, "Does Moral Philosophy Rest on a Mistake?"
_____	pp. 343-351	Frankena: "The Naturalist Fallacy"
_____	pp. 351-363 pp. 363-370	Rawls, "Two Concepts of Rules" Smart, "Extreme and Restricted Utilitarianism"