

Philosophy 9xxxA: Proseminar

This seminar offers a general orientation to some of the ideas and debates that have shaped contemporary philosophy, in a forum for careful reading and serious discussion of some central texts in the modern analytic tradition. Emphasis will be placed on critical engagement with philosophical works through papers, seminar presentations, and open discussion. Rather than attempting a complete survey, the course will focus on some of the problems in epistemology, metaphysics, and philosophy of language that have broadly influenced the discipline. Authors to be studied will include Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein, Moore, Stebbing, Quine, Carnap, Kripke, and Putnam, as well as some contemporary responses to their work. All readings (articles or excerpts from books) will be posted on the OWL site under "Resources."

Assignments: Three short essays (each 25% of mark) and one seminar presentation (25%)