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GRADUATE INTRODUCTION TO PHILOSOPHY OF LANGUAGE

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a graduate-level introduction to the philosophy of language. My hope is that the course will serve to both bring graduate students without training in philosophy of language up to speed on some of the important arguments, concepts, and formal tools from the field, while also deepening the knowledge of those graduates who have more familiarity with these topics. The course also favors breadth over depth, covering a range of topics such as names, definite descriptions, context-sensitivity, implicature, compositional semantics, and *de se* cognition.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS AND GRADING

Homework: I may sometimes give one or two small problems in one class to work on at home for the next one. Trying to complete these is required for course credit.

Papers: You have two options.

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| (A) Two short papers (8-10pp., 45% each) | Due: Thu. Feb. 28th, Thu. Apr. 25th |
| (B) One long paper (16-20pp. 90%) | Due: Thu. Apr. 25th |

Late papers without an extension will be docked a half grade (A to A-, etc.) per day late.

Participation (10%): Every student taking the course for credit is expected to speak at least once per class.

TEXTS

Aside from Kripke's *Naming and Necessity*, readings for the course are here:

www.jshaw.net/courses/gradlanguage.html

You will need a password to access the documents. It was on the syllabus handed out the first day of class. If you're missing it, just e-mail me.

SCHEDULE OF TOPICS AND READINGS

The tentative schedule below is subject to change.

Jan. 8	Frege on Sense and Reference Frege, "On Sense and Reference"
Jan. 15	Russell on Denoting Russell, "On Denoting"
Jan. 22	Kripke I Kripke, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> , (focus on I/II)
Jan. 28	Kripke II Kripke, "A Puzzle about Belief"
Feb. 4	Kaplan on Demonstratives Kaplan, "Demonstratives"
Feb. 12	<i>De Se</i> : Content and Communication Lewis, "Attitudes <i>De Dicto</i> and <i>De Se</i> " Perry, "The Essential Indexical"
Feb. 19	Compositional Semantics I H&K, <i>Semantics in Generative Grammar</i> , Chs.1-2
Feb. 26	Compositional Semantics II H&K, <i>Semantics in Generative Grammar</i> , Chs.3-4
If doing short papers: First Paper due Feb. 28th	
Mar. 5	Implicature Grice, "Logic and Conversation"
Mar. 19	Assertion and "Dynamic Pragmatics" Stalnaker, "Assertion" Lewis, "Scorekeeping in a Language Game"
Mar. 26	Dynamic Semantics: Anaphora Heim, "File Change Semantics"
Apr. 2	Catch-up/Student-Selected Topics TBA
Apr. 9	Catch-up/Student-Selected Topics TBA
Apr. 16	Catch-up/Student-Selected Topics TBA

Final Papers due April 25th