



PHIL 3104: THE ROOTS OF ANALYTIC PHILOSOPHY

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101 Paterson Hall

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Description & objectives

G.E. Moore, Bertrand Russell, Gottlob Frege, and Ludwig Wittgenstein were central early figures in the development of analytic philosophy. In this course we will explore some key contributions they made to metaphysics, epistemology, and philosophical methodology.

After setting the stage with a consideration of Modern idealist views that were prominent at the time, we will look at Moore's critique of idealism and defense of more commonsensical alternatives. We will then turn our attention to Russell's logical atomism and Frege's logical realism. In the final section of the course we will consider the later Wittgenstein's doubts about the analytic approach to philosophical inquiry that Moore, Russell, and Frege (and, earlier in his philosophical career, Wittgenstein himself) shared.

The course has two main objectives. The first, most obvious objective is to provide you with an adequate understanding of what those key contributions by Moore, Russell, Frege, and Wittgenstein were. The second, at least equally important objective is to encourage you to use this understanding as a way of enhancing your ability to answer—for yourself and by your own lights—the relevant metaphysical, epistemological, and methodological questions.

Readings & texts

A number of readings for the course will be drawn from the following texts, which can be purchased at the university bookstore:

Russell, B. ([1917—18] 1985). *The philosophy of logical atomism*. Chicago: Open Court.
Wittgenstein, L. ([1933—35] 1965). *The blue and brown books*. New York: Harper & Row.

The remaining readings, listed below, will either be drawn from the noted online sources or made available on cuLearn:

- Berkeley, G. ([1710] 2009), Introduction & Of the principles of human knowledge, §§1—33. *A treatise concerning the principles of human knowledge*. Project Gutenberg. (<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/4723/4723-h/4723-h.htm>)
- Bradley, F.H. ([1893] 2013). Introduction & Chapter IV. *Appearance and reality*. Wikisource. (http://en.wikisource.org/wiki/Appearance_and_Reality)
- Frege, G. ([1892] 1948). Sense and reference, trans. by M. Black, *The Philosophical Review*, 57, 209—30.
- . ([1892] 1951). On concept and object, trans. by P.T. Geach & M. Black, *Mind*, 60, 168—80.
- . ([1918] 1956). The thought: A logical inquiry, trans. by A.M. & M. Quinton, *Mind*, 65, 289—311.
- Kant, I. ([1787] 1998). Refutation of idealism. *The critique of pure reason*, trans. by P. Guyer & A.W. Wood (B274—79, pp. 326—29). Cambridge: Cambridge University Press.
- Moore, G.E. (1903). The refutation of idealism. *Mind*, 12, 433—53.
- . (1917). The conception of reality. *Proceedings of the Aristotelian Society (New Series)*, 18, 101—20.
- . (1925). A defence of common sense. J.H. Muirhead (ed.), *Contemporary British philosophy, second series: Personal statements* (pp. 191—224). London: George Allen & Unwin.
- . (1939). Proof of an external world. *Proceedings of the British Academy*, 25, 273—300.

Evaluation

Midterm examinations. (2x30% = 60% of overall grade.) There will be two in-class midterm examinations in this course, each consisting of short answer and brief essay questions. The first will be on February 3, the second on March 16. The point of these is to ensure that you are keeping up with the course lectures and assigned readings.

Final essay. (40% of overall grade.) In lieu of sitting a formal final examination, you will also be expected to write a final essay of approximately ten pages (or 3,000 words) in length. The topic options for the essay will be posted on cuLearn the day after the final class. The essay will be due to me (electronically is fine) on or before the final day of the Winter Term's examination period, April 23. Warning: unless I have granted you an extension for verifiably exceptional circumstances (or you have applied for an official deferral), I will not accept the final essay from you after April 23.

Calendar

Jan 6	The idealist background	Berkeley, Introduction & Of the principles of human knowledge, §§1—33
Jan 13		Bradley, Introduction & Chapter IV Kant, Refutation of idealism

Jan 20	Moore's critique & defense	Moore, The refutation of idealism & The conception of reality
Jan 27		Moore, Proof of an external world & A defence of common sense
Feb 3	First midterm	
Feb 10	Russell's logical atomism	Russell, <i>The philosophy of logical atomism</i> (lectures I—III)
Feb 17	<i>Winter break</i>	
Feb 24		Russell, <i>The philosophy of logical atomism</i> (lectures IV—VIII)
Mar 2	Frege's logical realism	Frege, Sense and reference
Mar 9		Frege, On concept and object & The thought: A logical inquiry
Mar 16	Second midterm	
Mar 23	Wittgenstein's doubts	Wittgenstein, <i>The blue and brown books</i> (selections I)
Mar 30		Wittgenstein, <i>The blue and brown books</i> (selections II)
Apr 6	<i>Review & essay prep</i>	
Apr 23	Final essay due	

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University policies (2015-16)

Assignments

Unless specifically told otherwise by their instructors, students must not use a plastic or cardboard cover or paper clips, must staple the paper (there is a stapler on the essay box), and must include the following in their assignments:

- student name
- student number
- course number and section
- instructor's name.

No assignments will be accepted after the last day for handing in term work.

Assignments handed in through the essay box (just inside the glass doors, Paterson Hall, Floor 3A) must be dropped into the box by 4:15 on a regular business day in order to be

date-stamped with that day's date. Assignments handed in after 4:15 or on a non-business day will be stamped as having been handed in on the next business day.

Students are required to keep copies of their assignments. If your paper is lost at any point, you will be considered not to have submitted it if you cannot produce a copy immediately on request.

Deferrals for term work

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a final assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply for a deferral of examination/assignment. For deferred examinations, you must apply within 5 working days after the scheduled date of your exam. To apply for deferral of a final assignment, you must apply within 5 working days of the last scheduled day of classes. Visit the Registrar's Office for more information.

Plagiarism

It is the responsibility of each student to understand the meaning of 'plagiarism' as defined in the Undergraduate or Graduate Calendars, and to avoid both committing plagiarism and aiding or abetting plagiarism by other students. (See Undergraduate Calendar Academic Regulations, section 14.3, or <http://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/regulations/academicregulationsoftheuniversity/acadregsuniv14/>.)

Academic accommodation

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows.

- For pregnancy: Write to your professor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>
- For religious observation: Write to your professor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Academic accommodation for students with disabilities

The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your professor to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>.

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>.

Important dates

- Sept. 2 Classes start.
- Sept. 4 Classes follow a Monday schedule.
- Sept. 7 Labour Day - University closed.
- Sept. 18 Last day for registration and course changes in Fall and Fall/Winter courses.
- Sept. 30 Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from Fall term or two-term courses.
- Oct. 12 Thanksgiving Day – University closed.
- Oct. 26-30 Fall Break – no classes.
- Nov. 24 Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
- Dec. 7 Last day of classes, Fall term. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for Fall term courses.
- Dec. 7 Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only).
- Dec. 8 No classes or examinations take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
- Dec. 9-21 Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses. Exams are normally held all seven days of the week.
- Dec. 21 Take-home exams are due.
- Jan. 6 Winter term classes begin.
- Jan. 19 Last day for registration and course changes in Winter term classes.
- Jan. 31 Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from winter courses or winter portion of two-term courses.
- Feb. 15-19 Winter Break, no classes.
- Mar. 24 Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
- Mar. 25 Good Friday – University closed.
- Apr. 8 Last day of Fall/Winter and Winter term classes. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for Fall/Winter and Winter term courses.
- Apr. 8 Last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter and Winter term courses (academic purposes only).
- Apr. 9-10 No classes or examinations take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
- Apr. 11-23 Final Examinations. Exams are normally held all seven days of the week.
- Apr. 23 Take-home exams are due.

Addresses

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Student Academic Success Centre:	302 Tory	carleton.ca/sasc	520-7850
Writing Tutorial Service:	4th Floor, Library	carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/	520-6632
MacOdrum Library:		library.carleton.ca/	520-2735