

Phil 335 — Analytic Philosophy
Fall 2009 – Prof. Kevin C. Klement (Please call me “Kevin.”)
Tuesdays and Thursdays 2:30–3:45pm in 206 Bartlett

Course description: Analytic philosophy is a movement in, and style of, philosophy that began in Britain and America in the early 20th century, and continues to dominate academic philosophy in the English-speaking world. In this course, we examine some of the most important works of this movement. The topics we’ll cover include philosophical analysis, logical form, logical atomism, logical positivism and “the linguistic turn” in philosophy.

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Webpages: We have a homepage at <http://courses.umass.edu/phil335/> but most content is on our SPARK page: <https://spark.oit.umass.edu>.

Texts: These are available at the Textbook annex; electronic copies are also available on our SPARK page.

- A. J. Ayer, *Language, Truth and Logic* (Dover 1952).
- Saul Kripke, *Naming and Necessity* (Harvard Univ. Press 1982).
- Bertrand Russell, *The Philosophy of Logical Atomism* (Open Court 1985).
- Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Philosophical Investigations* (3rd ed., Blackwell 2002).

Course requirements: Your final grade will be based on the following requirements: (1) in-class participation (10%), (2) four take-home exams (4 × 15% each), and (3) regular quizzes (30% total).

Exams: You will be given four take-home exams, one for each major work we will be reading. These will be in essay format: in effect, you will be writing several short papers. For some exams, I may ask you to write one long (5–6 page) essay, and for others I may ask you to write two or more shorter (e.g., 2–3 page) essays. You will usually have a choice of topics or questions to answer, depending on the exam. The exams will be handed out approximately two weeks ahead of their due dates, which are listed *tentatively* on the reverse side.

Quizzes: Just about every week, I will be giving a short 5–10 minute quiz on the material covered since the previous quiz. These quizzes may require you to provide one or two *short* essays (4–5 sentences), including defining terms, clarifying arguments, and explaining/discussing main philosophical theses, or may consist of multiple choice questions covering the philosophical views or texts in the assigned reading for that class session.

Participation: You are expected to attend class regularly and participate by asking questions, and raising points for discussion.

Reading Schedule

Note: This schedule is *subject to change*.

Day	Date	Material Covered
Tu	Sept 8	Course introduction
Th	Sept 10	Background lectures
Tu	Sept 15	Background lectures
Th	Sept 17*	Russell, <i>Philosophy of Logical Atomism</i> , Lecture I (pp. 35–49)
Tu	Sept 22	Russell, <i>Philosophy of Logical Atomism</i> , Lectures II–III (pp. 49–79)
Th	Sept 24*	Russell, <i>Philosophy of Logical Atomism</i> , Lectures IV–V (pp. 79–109)
Tu	Sept 29	Russell, <i>Philosophy of Logical Atomism</i> , Lecture VI (pp. 109–123)
Th	Oct 1*	Russell, <i>Philosophy of Logical Atomism</i> , Lecture VII (pp. 123–141)
Tu	Oct 6	Russell, <i>Philosophy of Logical Atomism</i> , Lecture VIII (pp. 141–155)
Th	Oct 8	Transition Lecture: Logical Positivism
Tu	Oct 13	<i>No class. University follows Monday class schedule.</i>
Th	Oct 15	Ayer, <i>Language, Truth and Logic</i> , Chap. I (pp. 33–45); <i>First take-home due</i>
Tu	Oct 20*	Ayer, <i>Language, Truth and Logic</i> , Chaps II–III (pp. 46–70)
Th	Oct 22	Ayer, <i>Language, Truth and Logic</i> , Chap. IV–V (pp. 71–101)
Tu	Oct 27*	Ayer, <i>Language, Truth and Logic</i> , Chap. VI (pp. 102–120)
Th	Oct 29	Ayer, <i>Language, Truth and Logic</i> , Chap. VII–VIII (pp. 120–153)
Tu	Nov 3	Transition Lecture: Wittgenstein’s Early and Later Philosophy
Th	Nov 5	Wittgenstein, <i>Philosophical Investigations</i> , §§1–37 (pp. 2e–16e); <i>Second take-home due</i>
Tu	Nov 10*	Wittgenstein, <i>Philosophical Investigations</i> , §§38–137 (pp. 16e–46e)
Th	Nov 12	Wittgenstein, <i>Philosophical Investigations</i> , §§138–242 (pp. 46e–75e)
Tu	Nov 17*	Wittgenstein, <i>Philosophical Investigations</i> , §§243–317 (pp. 75e–89e)
Th	Nov 19	Transition Lecture: Late 20 th Century Analytic Philosophy
Tu	Nov 24	Kripke, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> , start of Lecture I (pp. 22–48); <i>Third take-home due</i>
Th	Nov 26	<i>No class. Thanksgiving.</i>
Tu	Dec 1*	Kripke, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> , end of Lecture I (pp. 48–70)
Th	Dec 3	Kripke, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> , Lecture II (pp. 71–105)
Tu	Dec 8*	Kripke, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> , start of Lecture III (pp. 106–134)
Th	Dec 10	Kripke, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> , end of Lecture III (pp. 134–155)
	Finals	<i>Fourth take-home due</i>

The days marked by * are days on which a *quiz* will most likely be given.