

Phil 335 – 20th Century Analytic Philosophy
Fall 2015 – Prof. Kevin C. Klement
Mondays and Wednesdays 2:30–3:45pm in 302 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.

Contact info: My office is 358 Bartlett Hall. My office phone is 545-5784. My office hours for Fall 2015 are Mondays 4:00–5:00pm and Wednesdays 1:00–2:00pm, and by appointment. You may also e-mail me at klement@philos.umass.edu.

Webpages: We have a homepage at <http://courses.umass.edu/phil335/> but most content is on our Moodle page: <https://moodle.umass.edu/course/view.php?id=23791>.

Texts: We shall be reading the following works. Electronic copies are available on Moodle.

- 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* (rev. 4th ed., Wiley–Blackwell 2009).

Course requirements: Your final grade is based on the following: (1) in-class participation (worth up to 50/600 pts.), (2) four take-home exams (worth up to 100 pts. each/600), and (3) regular quizzes (worth up to 150/600 pts., curved).

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. *Exams must be submitted electronically through Moodle.*

As a condition of continued enrollment in this course, you agree to submit all exams to the Turnitin service for textual comparison or originality review for the detection of possible plagiarism. All submitted assignments will be included in the UMass Amherst dedicated database of assignments at Turnitin and will be used solely for the purpose of checking for possible plagiarism during the grading process and during this term and in the future.

Quizzes: Just about every week, I will be giving a short 5–10 minute quiz. These typically consist of multiple choice questions covering the philosophical views or texts in the assigned reading for that class session. The first quiz will cover material from the background lectures. Your quiz grade will be based on your total score from all quizzes, curved.

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

Reading Schedule (Subject to change!)

Note: Asterisks ‘*’ mark likely quiz dates.

Date	Material Covered
W Sept 9	Course introduction
M Sept 14	Background lectures
W Sept 16	Background lectures
M Sept 21*	Russell, <i>The Philosophy of Logical Atomism</i> , Lectures I–II (pp. 35–65)
W Sept 23	Russell, <i>The Philosophy of Logical Atomism</i> , Lecture III (pp. 65–79)
M Sept 28*	Russell, <i>The Philosophy of Logical Atomism</i> , Lectures IV–V (pp. 79–108)
W Sept 30	Russell, <i>The Philosophy of Logical Atomism</i> , Lectures VI–VII (pp. 109–140)
M Oct 5*	Russell, <i>The Philosophy of Logical Atomism</i> , Lecture VIII (pp. 141–155)
W Oct 7	Transition lecture: Logical Positivism
M Oct 12	Columbus day. Class moved to Tuesday.
Tu Oct 13	Ayer, <i>Language, Truth and Logic</i> , Chap. I (pp. 33–45); EXAM 1 DUE
W Oct 14*	Ayer, <i>Language, Truth and Logic</i> , Chaps. II–III (pp. 46–71)
M Oct 19	Ayer, <i>Language, Truth and Logic</i> , Chaps. IV–V (pp. 71–102)
W Oct 21*	Ayer, <i>Language, Truth and Logic</i> , Chap. VI (pp. 102–120)
M Oct 26	Ayer, <i>Language, Truth and Logic</i> , Chaps. VII–VIII (pp. 120–153)
W Oct 28	Transition lecture: The early and later Wittgenstein
M Nov 2*	Wittgenstein, <i>Philosophical Investigations</i> , §§1–37
W Nov 4	Wittgenstein, <i>Philosophical Investigations</i> , §§38–142; EXAM 2 DUE
M Nov 9*	Wittgenstein, <i>Philosophical Investigations</i> , §§143–242
W Nov 11	Veterans’ day. No class.
M Nov 16	Class cancelled. (Professor Klement out of town.)
W Nov 18*	Wittgenstein, <i>Philosophical Investigations</i> , §§243–317
M Nov 23	Transition lecture: Late 20th Century Philosophy
W Nov 25	Kripke, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> , start of lecture I (pp. 22–47); EXAM 3 DUE
M Nov 30*	Kripke, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> , end of lecture I (pp. 47–70)
W Dec 2	Kripke, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> , lecture II (pp. 71–105)
M Dec 7*	Kripke, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> , start of lecture III (pp. 106–134)
W Dec 9	Kripke, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> , end of lecture III (pp. 134–155)
FINALS	EXAM 4 DUE by 5pm on Sat., Dec. 19th