

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Course Outline**

**Phil 4210G/Phil 9614B/Ling 9453B
“Survey of Philosophy of Language”**

Winter Term 2019	Instructor:
Class Days and Hours	Office:
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DESCRIPTION

A survey of foundational and highly influential texts in Analytic Philosophy of Language. Emphasis will be on three topics: contrasting conceptions of linguistic meaning; the semantics-pragmatics boundary; and two case studies (namely, definite descriptions and metaphor).

TEXTS

Required: Maite Ezcurdia & Robert J. Stainton (eds.)(2013). *The Semantics-Pragmatics Boundary in Philosophy*. Broadview Press.



Glossary: 15%
Final Exam: 25%
Class Participation: 10%

COURSE READINGS

I. Four Approaches to Meaning

A. Reference and Truth Conditions

Gottlob Frege (1892), On Sense and Reference

Bertrand Russell (1919), Descriptions

[Not reprinted in textbook]

B. Use Theory

J.L. Austin

Peter F. Strawson

C. Dynamic Semantics

Robert C. Stalnaker

David Lewis

Donald Davidson

AUDIT

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