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## DESCRIPTION

An introductory course in the philosophy of language, truth and Relativism; and modality. We will approach the topic of the philosophy of language through the work of three key figures in Analytic metaphysics: Frege, Russell and

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**Phil 3601F  
“Metaphysics”**

*The Frege Reader*. Blackwell.

(1910), *The Philosophy of Logical Atomism*. Routledge Classics.

*Identity and Necessity*. Harvard University Press.

**Fall Term 2019**

**Instructor:** Robert J. Stainton

**Class Days and Hours:** M 3:30-4:30;

W 3:30-5:30

**PREREQUISITE/CO-REQUISITE:** PHIL 268

enhancing of philosophical skills and enriching students’ familiarity with  
philosophical issues in 20

**Classroom:** SSC 3006

**Web Site:**

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« (Third or Fourth year standing in a Philosophy module or permission of the Instructor.) »»

20<sup>th</sup> Century Metaphysics in the Analytic tradition. In terms of skills, the emphasis will be on: advanced philosophical writing; close reading of notoriously challenging texts; methodological reflection; and respectful but incisive philosophical dialogue.

## METHOD OF EVALUATION

Group Debate: 5%

In-Class Test: 15%

Five “Briefing Notes”: 40%

- On the day they are discussed in class, students will submit 2-3 page (i.e., 750-1000 words) “reader responses” to selected writings, consisting of an outline of the central *argument*. (This is to be sharply contrasted with an outline of the *paper*, section-by-section.)

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to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration, together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. The UWO Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness and further information regarding this policy can be found at [http](http://www.uwo.ca/academic_counselling/medical_accommodation/)