

Philosophy 369: Rise of Analytic Philosophy

Fall 2004

Time: T 2:30 PM – 5:00 PM
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I. Required texts

1. Scott Soames, *Philosophical Analysis in the Twentieth Century*, vol. 1 (*The Dawn of Analysis*) (Princeton, NJ: Princeton University Press, 2003).
2. James Baillie, ed., *Contemporary Analytic Philosophy*, 2nd ed. (Upper Saddle River, NJ: Prentice Hall, 2003).
3. Course reader

Readings in the course reader are also available on reserves in the library in St. John's College.

II. Course requirements

Option (A): three short papers (3-5 pages each), each worth 33.3% of the final grade.

Option (B): one long paper (10-15 pages), worth 100% of the final grade.

I will announce topics for the short papers on a more or less weekly basis. Short papers will be due at the beginning of class on the Tuesday after they are announced.

If you write a long paper, I must approve your topic. In addition, you will be required to meet with me at least twice during the semester: once, by 5 November 2004, to discuss your topic; and again, by 3 December 2004, to discuss

your progress. The long paper is due one week after the last class, i.e. by 5 PM on Tuesday, 14 December 2004.

III. A warning about academic dishonesty

It is difficult to overstate the importance of academic honesty. If you are unsure about what counts as academic dishonesty (e.g. plagiarism) or about how to cite sources, ask. You are responsible for knowing the University of Manitoba regulations. Start by consulting the General Academic Regulations and Requirements, particularly Section 7 (Academic Integrity). See Section 7.1 (on Plagiarism and Cheating) at

<http://webapps.cc.umanitoba.ca/calendar05/regulations/plagiarism.asp>.

IV. Tentative schedule

Readings marked with an asterisk are in the course reader. Otherwise, they are either from Soames's *Philosophical Analysis in the Twentieth Century* or in Baillie's *Contemporary Analytic Philosophy*.

1. **Frege** (Weeks 1-3)

Frege, "On Sense and Reference"

2. **Moore** (Week 4)

Moore, "A Defense of Common Sense"
Soames, Chapters 1-2

3. **Meinong and Russell** (Weeks 5-7)

*Meinong, "The Theory of Objects"
Russell, "On Denoting"
Russell, *The Philosophy of Logical Atomism*
Soames, Chapters 5 & 8

4. **Wittgenstein** (Weeks 8-9)

Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*
Soames, Chapters 9-11

5. **Logical Positivism** (Weeks 10-11)

*Ayer, *Language, Truth and Logic*
Carnap, "Empiricism, Semantics, Ontology"
Soames, Chapters 12-13

6. **Quine** (Weeks 12-13)

*Quine, "On What There Is"
Quine, "Two Dogmas of Empiricism"
Strawson and Grice, "In Defense of a Dogma"
Soames, Chapters 16-17