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**Philosophy 469**  
**20th Century Anglo-American Philosophy**  
**Spring 2001**

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**Text**

*Contemporary Analytic Philosophy*, George Baillie (Prentice Hall 1997).

**Requirements**

*Reading assignments:* The readings are short, but difficult. Each assignment should be read at least twice prior to discussion in class and at least twice afterwards.

*Exams:* There will be two in-class exams consisting of short-answer and essay questions. The exam dates are *February 22* and *March 29*.

*Paper:* A final (5-7 page) paper will be due Friday, *May 11*. Paper topics will be suggested but, with approval from the instructor, students may write on a topic of their own choosing. Papers should be left in the instructor's mailbox in the Philosophy/Liberal Studies Office (LA 101).

*Grade calculation:* Each exam is worth 35% of your grade and the paper is worth 30%.

**Reading Assignments**

**1/30**

Introduction (No Reading.)

**2/1**

A.J. Ayer, *The Elimination of Metaphysics*, Baillie, pp. 106-115.

**2/6, 2/8**

Gottlob Frege, *On Sense and Meaning*, Baillie, pp. 23-40.

**2/13, 2/15**

Bertrand Russell, *Descriptions*, Baillie, pp. 48-56.

**2/20**

Bertrand Russell, from *The Philosophy of Logical Atomism*, Baillie, pp. 56-69.

**2/22**

➡ *Exam*

**2/27, 3/1**

Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, Baillie, pp. 75, 76 (Propositions 1 – 2.063).

**3/6, 3/8, 3/13**

Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, Baillie, pp. 76-86  
(Propositions 2.1 – 4.53).

**3/15**

Ludwig Wittgenstein, *Tractatus Logico-Philosophicus*, Baillie, pp. 93-95  
(Propositions 6.4 – 7).

**3/20, 3/22**

*Spring Break*

**3/27**

Video, *Brian Magee talks to A.J. Ayer about Frege, Russell, and modern logic.* (No Reading.)

**3/29**

➔ *Exam*

**4/3**

A.J. Ayer, *Elimination of Metaphysics*, Baillie, pp. 106-115.

**4/5, 4/10**

J.L. Austin, from *Sense and Sensibilia*, Baillie, pp. 228-245.

**4/12, 4/17**

W.V.O. Quine, *Two Dogmas of Empiricism*, Baillie, pp. 312-323 (Sec. 1- 4).

**4/19, 4/24**

W.V.O. Quine, *Two Dogmas of Empiricism*, Baillie, pp. 323-329 (Sec. 5, 6).

**4/26, 5/1, 5/3**

Saul Kripke, *Identity and Necessity*, Baillie, pp. 400-422.

**5/8, 5/10**

Hilary Putnam, *Meaning and Reference*, Baillie, pp. 427-436.