

**Fall 2026**

**PHILOSOP 9653: Proseminar**

**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

This seminar offers a general orientation to some of the ideas and debates that have shaped contemporary philosophy. We approach this by careful reading and serious discussion of some central texts in the modern analytic tradition. Emphasis will be placed on critical engagement with philosophical works through papers, seminar presentations, and open discussion. Rather than attempting a complete survey, the course will focus on some of the problems in epistemology, metaphysics, and philosophy of language that have broadly influenced discipline. Authors to be studied will include Frege, Russell, Wittgenstein, Schlick, Stebbing, Carnap, Quine, Kripke, Putnam, as well as contemporary responses to their work.

**TEXTS**

All texts will be posted on the OWL site under “Resources.”

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS**

Reading of all assigned texts and regular participation in seminar discussions. One seminar presentation (25%) on one of the assigned readings, accompanied by a written outline or slide presentation

One short paper (25%)

One term paper (50%)