

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Course Outline 2017**

**Philosophy 4210G/Ling 9210B/9210B:
Problems in Philosophy of Language**

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COURSE DESCRIPTION

A survey of key i approach to
philosophy, including especially its contribution to linguistic theorizing. Topics will
include: philosophic philosophical puzzles;
meaning, force and truth conditions; constatives vs. performatives; language games;
convention vs. intention in speech acts; expression meaning, utterance meaning and
speaker meaning. Authors will include: G.E.M. Anscombe, J.L. Austin, H.P. Grice, P.F.
Strawson and L. Wittgenstein.

Final Essay: 25%

Essay: The paper should be the sort of thing one could submit to a student conference ideally about 14 double-spaced pages in length. It may be either more empirical or more philosophical, depending upon the interests and background of the student.

With the exception of students granted special accommodation, no electronic devices will be permitted during the test. Use of handheld devices and browsing of websites during class is very strongly discouraged, as it distracts both the user and his/her neighbours.

Submission instructions

All written work must be submitted, in anonymous form and in hard-copy, either in class or by means of the Philosophy drop box (on the first floor of Stevenson Hall, beside the elevator).

It must also be submitted electronically to **Turnitin:** are subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

Late submissions will not be accepted without explicit prior permission of the instructor and/or proper medical documentation.

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I. Austin and Strawson

A. *Austin*

J.L. Austin

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B. *Strawson*

Peter F. Strawson (1950),

C. *Austin vs. Strawson on Truth*

