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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 471
Philosophy of Language
Fall Term 2015

Course Outline

Lectures: MWF 1-1:50 EDC 287

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Course Description

Language is a remarkably complex and productive means to represent the world, as well as our own thoughts. This course will introduce some of the philosophical issues that arise in considering language.

Required Texts

Martinich, A.P. and David Sosa, eds. *Philosophy of Language, sixth edition*. Oxford University Press, 2012.

Kripke, Saul. *Naming and Necessity*. Wiley-Blackwell, 1980.

Course Requirements

- **Two exams: Oct. 14th and Nov. 9th, worth 30% each.**
- **A term paper, in two drafts. The draft is due in class on Nov. 23rd and the final is due in class on Dec. 7. The draft is worth 5% and the final is worth 35%. Unless arrangements are made in advance, I'll deduct 1/2 letter grade per day. This goes for both the draft and the final.**
- **There will not be a registrar-scheduled final exam.**

Letter Grade Conversion Table

A+	96–100 %	B+	80-85.9 %	C+	67-69.9 %	D+	55-59.9 %
A	91-95.9 %	B	75-79.9 %	C	64-66.9 %	D	50-54.9 %
A-	86-90.9 %	B-	70-74.9 %	C-	60-63.9 %	F	0- 49.9 %

Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offence, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment, an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw from the University. See the relevant sections on 'Academic Misconduct' in the current University Calendar. Intellectual honesty requires that your work include adequate referencing to sources. Plagiarism occurs when you do not acknowledge or correctly reference your sources. If you have questions about correct referencing, consult your instructor.

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- **Advice on Philosophy Courses** - You may find answers to your more specific questions about a philosophy degree on the Department of Philosophy's website <http://phil.ucalgary.ca> or contact one of Philosophy's current Undergraduate Advisors (see below)
- **Registration Overload/Prereq Waivers** – If you are seeking to register in a Philosophy course that is full or to get permission to waive the prereqs for a course, email the instructor of the course.

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PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

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