

## METAPHYSICS

PHIL352 (AO1)

Metaphysics concerns the nature of reality. This intermediate course surveys: existence, resemblance, cause, possibility, objects, persistence, space, and time.

**PREREQUISITES** PHIL203 + 3 units of philosophy, or permission.

**PLACE/TIME** MAC D102, Monday & Thursday 1:00pm-2:20pm (*spring 2018*)

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**OFFICE HOURS** CLE B323 Monday 3:30-5:30pm, or by appointment.

**WEBSITE** 📄 [coursespaces.uvic.ca/course/view.php?id=33722](http://coursespaces.uvic.ca/course/view.php?id=33722)

**TEXTS**  
R † CONEE & SIDER, *Riddles of Existence (New Edition)*  
M • KIM, KORMAN, & SOSA (eds.), *Metaphysics (2<sup>nd</sup> ed.)*  
K • KRIPKE, *Naming and Necessity*

## EVALUATION

<b>GRADES</b>	The grade you earn is determined by the quality of your work in this course. The university's scale is used: A+>90 A89-85 A-84-80 B+79-77 B76-73 B-72-70 C+69-65 C64-60 D59-50 F<50
<b>WORK</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>3 problem sets (75%):</b> <u>Due (tentative):</u> FEB6, MAR13, APR10</li><li>• <b>Checkpoints (20%):</b> Best 7 of 10 unscheduled in-class assignments.</li><li>• <b>Participation (5%):</b> Evidence of engagement with the course.</li></ul>
<b>RUBRIC</b>	Work is evaluated for craftsmanship, in accordance with the guidelines in: <a href="http://mikeraven.net/teaching/[Raven] Philosophy Rubric.pdf">📄 mikeraven.net/teaching/[Raven] Philosophy Rubric.pdf</a>
<b>ACCESSIBILITY</b>	All accessibility accommodations should be arranged by CAL. Other requests for accommodations (e.g. extensions, extra credit, alternate or make-up assignments) will <i>not</i> be considered, except under extraordinary circumstances (instructor's discretion) and with apt documentation.
<b>GRACE POINTS</b>	Each student begins with <b>5 grace points</b> . Each point can be used to delay a due date by 1 day. Points can be used in any combination at the students' discretion. Inform the instructor in writing how many points are used upon submission (no justification needed). Points cannot be reused, traded, or earned.
<b>LATENESS</b>	Late work is penalized 5% per day late and is not entitled to feedback.

## POLICIES

<b>CONDUCT</b>	Enrolling binds you to a social contract with your instructor and classmates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• <b>Be prepared.</b> Read the syllabus. Do the reading before class. Attend class.</li><li>• <b>Be respectful.</b> In class, don't bully or distract. In work, follow RUBRIC §3.4.</li><li>• <b>Communicate professionally.</b> Check sources first (don't expect replies to questions answered by the syllabus). Follow etiquette. Allow time for replies.</li></ul>
<b>RECORDINGS</b>	Recordings permitted only with instructor's prior consent. Do not distribute.
<b>GUESTS</b>	Guests are not permitted without instructor's prior consent.
<b>INTEGRITY</b>	Plagiarism and cheating are not tolerated. Ignorance is no excuse. Read: <a href="http://web.uvic.ca/calendar2017-09/undergrad/info/regulations/academic-integrity.html">📄 web.uvic.ca/calendar2017-09/undergrad/info/regulations/academic-integrity.html</a>

SCHEDULE Tentative: see website for updates. (#<sub>a</sub>(#<sub>o</sub>)=anthology / original pagination.)

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EXISTENCE

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| JAN4 | Introduction   |
| 8    | • <a href="#">QUINE, "On What There is"</a> [to 9(29)] |
| 11   | • <a href="#">QUINE, "On What There is"</a> [to 9(29)] |

RESEMBLANCE † CONEE & SIDER, "Universals" [R8]

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| JAN15 | • <a href="#">QUINE, "On What There is"</a> [finish]                              |
| 18    | • <a href="#">CAMPBELL, "The Metaphysic of Abstract Particulars"</a> [M22]        |
| 22    | • ARMSTRONG, "Universals as Attributes" [M24]                                     |
| 25    | • <a href="#">LEWIS, "New Work for a Theory of Universals"</a> [M23: TO 314(355)] |

CAUSE † CONEE & SIDER, "Possibility & Necessity" [R9: 183-192]

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| JAN29 | • <a href="#">HUME, <i>A Treatise of Human Nature</i></a> [I.III.2,14]         |
|       | • <a href="#">LEWIS, "New Work for a Theory of Universals"</a> [M23: § "Laws"] |
| FEB1  | • ANSCOMBE, "Causality and Determination" [M28]                                |
| 5,8   | ↑ DAVIS, "Counterfactuals"   |
|       | ↓ <a href="#">LEWIS, "Causation"</a> [M29]                                     |

MODALITY † CONEE & SIDER, "Possibility & Necessity" [R9: 192-198]

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| FEB19 | ↑ KRIPKE, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> [K: 34-39]                     |
|       | ↓ PLANTINGA, "Modalities: Basic Concepts and Distinctions" [M14: §1] |
| 22,26 | ↑ LEWIS, "A Philosopher's Paradise" [M16: skip §1.4]                 |
|       | ↓ KRIPKE, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> [K: 39-53]                     |
| MAR1  | ↑ KRIPKE, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> [K: 106-116]                   |
|       | ↓ <a href="#">FINE, "Essence and Modality"</a> [M19]                 |

OBJECTS † CONEE & SIDER, "Constitution" [R8: 136-149]

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| MAR5 | ↑ KRIPKE, <i>Naming and Necessity</i> [K: 97-105]             |
|      | ↓ <a href="#">GIBBARD, "Contingent Identity"</a> [M11: §§1-4] |
| 8    | • <a href="#">GIBBARD, "Contingent Identity"</a> [M11: §§5-8] |
| 12   | • <a href="#">BAKER, "Why Constitution is not Identity"</a>   |

PERSISTENCE † CONEE & SIDER, "Constitution" [R9: 149-155]

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| MAR15 | • <a href="#">THOMSON, "Parthood and Identity Across Time"</a> [M35: §§I-V] |
| 19    | ↑ LEWIS, "The Problem of Temporary Intrinsic" [M37]                         |
|       | ↓ <a href="#">HASLANGER, "Endurance and Temporary Intrinsic"</a> [M38]      |
| 22    | • <a href="#">FINE, "In Defense of Three-dimensionalism"</a>                |

SPACE & TIME † CONEE & SIDER, "Time" [R3]

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| MAR26 | • <a href="#">HINCHLIFE, "The Puzzle of Change"</a>  |
| 29    | • <a href="#">HAWLEY, "Metaphysics and Relativity"</a>   |
| APR5  | • <a href="#">DASGUPTA, "Substantivalism vs. Relationalism About Space in Classical Physics"</a> [601-613] |

SURVEY

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At the end of the term, please complete a *course experience survey* (CES) at [✉ ces.uvic.ca](mailto:ces.uvic.ca).