

PHIL-GA 2295, Fall 2013

NYU SEMINAR ON MIND, LANGUAGE, ETC. PHILOSOPHICAL ANALYSIS

Coordinators David Chalmers and Michael Strevens

Time Monday 5 PM to 6 PM (advance discussion for students only)
Tuesday 4 PM to 7 PM (all invited)

Place Second floor seminar room, Philosophy Building (5 Washington Place)

Format Weekly meetings to discuss work by visiting philosophers read by attendees in advance. The schedule of visitors is overleaf.

Readings The readings will be posted online at:
www.nyu.edu/classes/strevens/MindLangF13
A user name and password are required (to be announced in class).

Content The theme of the seminar is philosophical analysis: roughly, the use of philosophical methods to answer “What is X?” questions. The paradigmatic method of philosophical analysis is conceptual analysis by the method of cases, but relevant methods also include linguistic analysis, metaphysical analysis, experimentally informed analysis, and other methods for evaluating philosophical theories. The seminar will cover both defenses and critiques of various methods of analysis.

Evaluation Your grade is based on two papers (50% each).

- The first paper should be 10 to 12 pages long. The second paper may be another essay of the same length on a different topic, or a 20 to 24 page extension and rewrite of the first. If you pursue this latter option, then, you will submit a 12 page paper and then a 24 page paper that is based on (and may incorporate all of) the shorter paper.
- Due dates: November 1st (first paper); December 13th (second paper)
- NYU Policy: If you take an incomplete, all coursework must be submitted before the first day of classes of the spring semester, or you will receive a failing grade. No extensions: this is a fixed deadline.

Schedule The schedule as of September 3, 2013:

Sep 10	Frank Jackson
Sep 17	Sarah-Jane Leslie and Mark Johnston
Sep 24	Michael Strevens
Oct 1	Philip Kitcher
Oct 8	Laurie Paul
Oct 22	Josh Knobe
Oct 29	Edouard Machery
Nov 5	Herman Cappelen
Nov 12	Peter Hacker
Nov 19	David Chalmers
Nov 26	George Bealer
Dec 3	Sally Haslanger
Dec 10	Justin Fisher

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Office hours by appointment