

**Phil 132 – Winter 2025**

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T, TH 3:30-4:50 PM

Office Hour: Th 2-3 PM

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**Topic: Epistemic Movements – 20th Century to the Present**

**Grades:** Midterm (1/3 of grade), Paper (1/3 of grade), Final (1/3 of grade)

**Paper:** 10-15 pp. Should demonstrate knowledge & independent thinking. Due on last day of classes

Integrity Requirements in Force

Reading materials are on the Internet or on Canvas under "Files"

**Schedule of Classes & Readings:**

T 1/7            *Introduction to Class*

Sher: "Epistemic Friction and Freedom". *Epistemic Friction*

Th 1/9            *General Background: Truth and Knowledge*

Sher: "The Basic Epistemic Situation". *Epistemic Friction*

Sher: "The Fundamental Principle of Truth". *Epistemic Friction*

T 1/14            *Theories of Truth: Traditional Correspondence, Coherentism, Pragmatism, Enlightened Correspondence; Deflationism and Substantivism*

Raatikainen: "Truth and Theories of Truth"

Sher: "The 'Manifold' Correspondence Principle". *Epistemic Friction*

Horwich: *Truth*. pp. 1-39.

Th 1/16            *The Logical Revolution*

Frege: *Begriffsschrift, A Formula Language ... for Pure Thought*. Preface

Klement: "Gottlob Frege". *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Opening paragraph and Sections 1-2

- T 1/21 *The Linguistic/Analytic Turn*  
 Preston: "Analytic Philosophy". *Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy*  
 Introductory paragraph and Sections 1,2,4
- Th 1/23 *The Definition of Knowledge & Gettier's Challenge*  
 Gettier: "Is Justified True Belief Knowledge?"
- T 1/28 *Belief & Justification*  
 Ichikawa & Steup: "The Analysis of Knowledge". Sections 1,3,4,5. *Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. Internet
- Th 1/30 *Carnap & The Logical Empiricist/Positivist Revolution*  
 Carnap: *The Logical Structure of the World*. Pp. xv-xviii, 5-13  
 Carnap: "Empiricism, Semantics, and Ontology"
- T 2/4 *Criticisms*  
 Quine: "Truth by Convention"  
 Quine: "Carnap & Logical Truth"
- Th 2/6 *Preparation for Midterm*
- T 2/11 **Midterm**
- Th 2/13 *Quine's First Revolution: Rejection of the Traditional Framework*  
 Quine: "Two Dogmas of Empiricism"
- T 2/18 *Criticisms*  
 Sher: "Quine's Model of Knowledge: An Inner Tension". *Epistemic Friction*  
 ("Is There a Place for Philosophy in Quine's Theory?")
- Th 2/20 Cont.

- T 2/25      *The Foundation of Knowledge I: the Foundationalist-Coherentist Debate*
- Sosa: "The Raft and the Pyramid"  
BonJour: "The Dialectic of Foundationalism and Coherentism"
- Th 2/27      *The Foundation of Knowledge II: Foundational Holism*
- Sher: "Epistemic Friction & the Illusion of Foundationalism". *Epistemic Friction*  
Sher: "From Foundationalism to *Foundational Holism*". *Epistemic Friction*
- T 3/4      *Applications to Logic & Mathematics*
- Sher: "Is Logic in the Mind or in the World?"
- Th 3/6      *Quine's Second Revolution: Naturalism*
- Quine: "Epistemology Naturalized"
- T 3/11      *Criticisms*
- Stroud: "Naturalized Epistemology". *The Significance of Phil Scepticism*.  
Kim: "What is 'Epistemology Naturalized'?"
- Th 3/13      *Preparation for Final*