PHIL 4543, Philosophy of Language, Fall 2016
MWF: 3:30-4:20

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Texts: Saul Kripke, Naming and Necessity.
Other readings will be provided.


Course requirements and grading: Regular attendance and class participation will be expected. The grade for the course will be determined on the basis of class participation, exams and graded written assignments as follows:

Exams and papers: There will be a midterm and final exam as well two papers—a short paper of 3 to 4 pages and a longer paper of about seven to eight pages. (For graduate students, the longer paper should be ten to eleven pages.) The weighting of the grades on these assignments will respectively be as follows: each exam will count for 25% of the grade, the short paper will count for 15% of the grade and the longer paper will count for 35% of the grade. Due dates will be announced in class.

Class participation: Attendance will be taken. Up to three unexcused absences will be allowed. For each additional unexcused absence your grade for the course will dropped by two tenths of a letter grade. High quality class participation may be taken into account in order to raise a grade in borderline cases.

The University provides a very useful syllabus supplement: http://academicaffairs.okstate.edu/sites/default/files/Fall%202016%20Syllabus%20Attachment.pdf.

Students with physical or learning disabilities: If you need special accommodations the university will try to make appropriate arrangements. These arrangements will need to be made ahead of time through the Office of Student Disability Services, 315 Student Union (phone: 405-744-7116).