OUTLINE & INFORMATION

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Assessment
Four assessments: one comprehension exercise (week four); one short critical note (week seven); two short papers (weeks ten and thirteen).

Section One: Sense & Reference, Names & Descriptions
Week One: Frege ‘On Sense and Nominatum’
Week Two: Russell, ‘On Denoting’
           Russell, ‘Descriptions’
Week Three: Quine ‘Two Dogmas of Empiricism’
            Kripke Naming and Necessity
Week Four:  Kripke Naming and Necessity
            Putnam ‘Meaning and Reference’
Week Five:  Strawson, ‘On Referring’
            Donnellan, ‘Reference and Definite Descriptions’
            Kripke, ‘Speaker’s Reference and Semantic Reference’
            Graff, ‘Descriptions as Predicates’
Week Six:   Perry, ‘The Problem of the Essential Indexical’,
            Lewis ‘Attitudes De Dicto and De Se’

Section Two: Truth
Week Seven: Frege ‘On Sense and Nominatum’
            Tarski ‘The Semantic Conception of Truth, and the Foundations of Semantics’
            Stoljar, ‘The Deflationary Theory of Truth’
Section Three: Propositional Attitudes

Week Eight: Frege ‘On Sense and Nominatum’
Quine ‘Quantifiers and Propositional Attitudes’
Davidson ‘On Saying That’

Week Nine: Kripke ‘A Puzzle About Belief’
Salmon ‘How to Become a Millian Heir’
Crimmins and Perry ‘The Prince and the Phone Booth’
Saul ‘Substitution and Simple Sentences’

Section Four: Pragmatics

Week Ten: Austin ‘Performative Utterances’
Grice ‘Logic and Conversation’

Week Eleven: Lewis ‘Scorekeeping in a Language Game’
Langton ‘Unspeakable Acts’

Week Twelve: Stalnaker ‘Pragmatics’
Lewis ‘Languages and Language’

Section Five: Rule Following

Week Thirteen: Kripke ‘On Rules and Private Language’
Millikan ‘Truth Rules, Hoverflies, and the Kripke-Wittgenstein Paradox’
Holton ‘Meaning and Rule Following’