

PHIL*2250-01

KNOWLEDGE, MIND AND LANGUAGE [0.50]

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Brief Course Synopsis:

This course is an introduction to the nature and possibility of knowledge, in connection with the nature of mind and the role of language in shaping experience. We will start by looking at empiricism and rationalism, then consider Kant's philosophy which steers a middle course, then consider how these issues get framed after the "linguistic turn" in 20th century philosophy.

TEXTBOOK(S):

Probably we will not use a textbook but will read excerpts and articles made available on the course website.

COURSE REQUIREMENTS/EVALUATION:

These requirements are tentative; finalized requirements will be announced at the first class meeting. Probably they will include:

- short written comments each week
- two or three brief (5 pages or so) essays
- final examination

PREREQUISITE(S): 2.00 credits or one of: PHIL*1000, PHIL*1010 or PHIL*1050