College of Arts – Online Course Outline Template

Course Code:	Section:	Semester:
PHIL* 3250	01	F12

Course Title: Philosophy of Language

Instructor: R. Schaefer

Brief course Synopsis:

This course will primarily examine how our linguistic expressions (primarily words and sentences) come to have the meanings that they do. It may, for example, explore how a given sentence's meaning might relate to the conditions that would make it true, a speaker's intention, experience (or empirical verifiability), the sentence's use in a linguistic community, or its role in inference. Insofar as philosophical inquiry consists of a sort of conceptual analysis, the topics in the course have significant bearing on philosophical methodology. The readings in this course will be primarily from the analytic tradition.

Textbook(s): TBA

Course requirements / evaluation: TBA