### REQUEST FOR ADDITION, EXPIRATION, OR REVISION OF AN UNDERGRADUATE COURSE

**PURDUE UNIVERSITY**

**DEPARTMENT:** Philosophy

**EFFECTIVE SESSION:** Fall 2010

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Please check the items below which describe the purpose of this request.

- [ ] New course with supporting documents
- [x] Add existing course offered at another campus
- [ ] Expiration of a course
- [ ] Change in course number
- [ ] Change in course title
- [ ] Change in course credit/type
- [ ] Change in course attributes (department head signature only)
- [ ] Change in instructional hours
- [ ] Change in course description
- [ ] Change in course requisites/ restrictions
- [ ] Change in semesters offered (department head signature only)
- [ ] Transfer from one department to another

#### PROPOSED:

- **Subject Abbreviation:**
- **Course Number:** 46500
- **Long Title:** Philosophy of Language
- **Short Title:** Philosophy of Language

#### EXISTING:

- **Subject Abbreviation:** PHIL
- **Course Number:** 46500

**ABBREVIATED TITLE WILL BE ENTERED BY THE OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR IF OMITTED. (30 CHARACTERS ONLY)**

#### CREDIT TYPE

1. Fixed Credit: Cr. Hrs.:
2. Variable Credit Range:
   - Minimum Cr. Hrs.:
   - (Check One) To:
   - Or:
   - Maximum Cr. Hrs.:
3. Equivalent Credit: Yes [ ] No [ ]

#### CREDIT CATEGORIES

- Lecture
- Recitation
- Presentation
- Laboratory
- Lab Prep
- Studio
- Distance
- Clinic
- Experiential
- Research
- Ind. Study

#### COURSE DESCRIPTION (INCLUDE REQUISITES/RESTRICTIONS):

An examination of some of the central issues in the philosophy of language, such as meaning, reference, truth, propositions, and speech acts.

**COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES:**

Upon completion, students are able (1) to identify and discuss different theories about language and examine problems in their light and (2) to integrate philosophical perspectives on language into an examination of values and beliefs they themselves or others may hold.

#### TERMS OFFERED:

- Summer [ ] Fall [x] Spring [x]

#### CAMPUS(ES) INVOLVED

- Calumet
- Cont Ed
- Ft. Wayne
- Indianapolis
- N. Central
- Tech Statewide
- W. Lafayette

#### CROSS-LISTED COURSES

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#### OFFICE OF THE REGISTRAR

**Calumet Department Head** Date: 8/27/10

**Calumet School Dean** Date: 9/9/10

**Fort Wayne Department Head** Date: 

**Fort Wayne School Dean** Date: 9/9/10

**Indianapolis Department Head** Date: 

**Indianapolis School Dean** Date: 

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**Vice Chancellor for Academic Affairs** Date: 

**West Lafayette Department Head** Date: 

**West Lafayette College/School Dean** Date: 

**West Lafayette Registrar** Date: 

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To: COAS Curriculum Committee
From: Bernd Buldt, Professor and Chair
Re: Activation of Two PUWL Classes
Date: April 24, 2010

PHIL 29300: “Topics in Philosophy”
PHIL 46500: “Philosophy of Language”

A. Rationale

A.1 PHIL 29300. It happens more and more often that students in one of the Department’s introductory courses—like “Introduction to Philosophy,” “Ethics,” or “Principles of Logic”—would like to follow up on a particular topic that sparked their interest with an Independent Study with the same instructor. Lacking a suitable course, we had to either turn down their request down or offer it as a 400-level class. This course from the PUWL catalogue is meant to fill this gap.

A.2 PHIL 46500. The department has started to offer a course on the “Philosophy of Language” on a regular basis. Thus far, it was offered twice: Spring 2008 and Spring 2010. Lacking a course with that title, it was offered as a 400-level variable title course, the PHIL-493, planning to create a new course as part of this submission. In the meantime, however, PUWL has added a course on the Philosophy of Language to their own catalogue. Therefore, instead of creating a new course number, it is sufficient to activate the PHIL-46500 for our campus.

B. Sample Course Description and Class Schedule (PHIL-46500 only)

See attached.
PHIL-493: Philosophy of Language
(Bernd Buldt, Spring 2010)

Course Description

Contact Information
Office: CM 021
Office hours: MW Fr, 5–6pm, or by appointment
Phone: (260) 481-6091
E-mail: buldtb@ipfw.edu (I don’t reply to e-mails over the weekend)

Course description
To understand, examine, and critically assess major theories in the philosophy of language.

Course objectives
Upon successful completion of this course, students are expected (transferable skills):
- to have further improved critical reading and writing skills;
- to think and write clearly about issues in the philosophy of language.

Students are expected in particular to:
- identify and discuss different theories about language and examine problems in their light;
- integrate philosophical perspectives on language into an examination of values and beliefs they themselves or others may hold.

Course text
The text book for this class is:

Additional readings will be distributed as e-mail attachments.

Attendance
All class sessions take place in CM40. Attendance is required for a successful completion of the course; if you can’t attend, you must notify me before class starts. Missing class unexcused three times means you can’t receive a better grade than “D;” missing class unexcused five times means you’ll receive the grade “F;” two tardinesses or early departures equal one unexcused absence. That attendance is required also means that you are responsible for all material covered in class including handouts, changes in deadlines, and announcements generally. Use of cell phones in class is not permitted.

Class participation
Class participation is expected of everyone, as this is a highly exchange-oriented class. The better you prepare the assigned text, the more you’ll benefit from class room discussion.

Grading policies
Students will take two written in-class exams and write one final essay; see the syllabus for details. In order to be accepted, the essay must be type written, double-spaced, multiple pages
stapled and consecutively numbered, with the student’s name on the top right of the first page. Early submission of draft versions for feedback purposes is strongly encouraged.

Remember: Students are expected to know and to follow all applicable policies on academic honesty; see your student handbook and the bulletin for regulations and policies on academic honesty. All written work must be your own. If you use someone else’s words or ideas, these sources must be appropriately cited. Plagiarism/cheating will result in an “F” in this class and possibly further disciplinary action by the department, school, and university. The final grade will be determined as follows:

Class participation 25%
Each exam 25%
Final essay 25%

and the following grade scale will be applied:

100%–97%  A+
96%–93%  A  Excellent
92%–89%  A-
88%–85%  B+
84%–81%  B  Good
80%–77%  B-
76%–73%  C+
72%–69%  C  Sufficient
68%–65%  C-
64%–61%  D+
60%–57%  D  Weak
56%–53%  D-
below 53%  F  Failure

Disabilities statement
If you have a disability and need assistance, special arrangements can be made to accommodate most needs. Contact the Director of Services for Students with Disabilities (Walb, room 113, telephone number 481-6658), as soon as possible to work out the details. Once the Director has provided you with a letter attesting to your needs for modification, bring the letter to me. For more information, please visit the web site for SSD at http://www.ipfw.edu/ssp/.

Remark
Please, remember that your academic success and your personal well-being are important to me. Do not hesitate to contact me, whenever you feel like doing so or something is on your mind.