There will be a short (~3 pg.) paper due for each class on an assigned topic. Paper topics will typically be assigned no later than the Thursday before the seminar. I must receive these no later than noon on the Tuesday before the seminar. Any missed or late assignment receives a failing grade unless prior arrangement has been made with me.

Your grade will be determined by the average of grades received on the short papers (40%) and a research paper (50%). I reserve 10% for intangibles such as participation, attendance, etc. Topics for research papers may include any theme related to the readings for this class. Everyone’s research proposal must receive my approval, and each person must arrange to meet with me no later than the date indicated on the syllabus to determine a topic. You must also submit a draft of that paper to me for comments no later than the date indicated on the syllabus. Final papers should take account of comments made on the drafts. A research paper that fails to meet all of these requirements will not be accepted for credit for this course.

**Texts:** (All available at the Literary Guillotine.)

*Quintessence*, ed. R. Gibson *(Q)*

*Knowledge, Mind, and the Given*, ed. Triplett & deVries* *(EPM)*

*Wittgenstein on Rules and Private Language*, S. Kripke *(K)*

Readings labeled as pdfs will be distributed to you by email.

**Reading Schedule**

**January**

9 Q1, Q2 [Ben-Menachem; Friedman]
16 Q4, Q14, Carnap pdf
23 Ricketts; Price; Ebbs (pdfs)
30 EPM, Parts I-VII

**February**

6 EPM, Parts VIII-XII
13 EPM, Parts XIII-XVI
20 Davidson essays (pdfs)
27 K, 1-54 [final date for research topic approval]

**March**

6 K, 55-113
13 K, 114-145

15 [final date for submission of draft]

21 **Final Paper Due**
*This volume provides the full text of “Empiricism and the Philosophy of Mind” plus a detailed commentary by the editors. Reading assignments are keyed to the sections of the essay by Sellars.