Course Title: The Philosophy of Ludwig Wittgenstein: An Introduction
Course Code: PHI 107
Instructor: Forrest Hartman

Course Summary:
The course will look at the development of Wittgenstein’s thinking from the early Tractatus to the later Philosophical Investigations. His preoccupation with language continues throughout his career, but his method and style change as he turns from a hidden logic beneath everyday language to the surface grammar of ordinary use.

Grade Options and Requirements:
- No Grade Requested (NGR)
  - This is the default option. No work will be required; no credit shall be received; no proof of attendance can be provided.
- Credit/No Credit (CR/NC)
  - Score will be determined by student attendance and participation. Whoever chooses this option needs to sign in on an attendance sheet each week.
- Letter Grade (A, B, C, D, No Pass)
  - Written work, probably a 5 to 10 page paper, to be arranged with the instructor according to student interest, will determine the grade.

*Please Note: If you require proof that you completed a Continuing Studies course for any reason (for example, employer reimbursement), you must choose either the Letter Grade or Credit/No Credit option. Courses taken for NGR will not appear on official transcripts or grade reports.

Tentative Weekly Outline:

**Week 1: January 11**
The Linguistic Turn in Modern Analytic Philosophy: The Tractarian View of the World and the Picture Theory of Language
Tractatus: Preface and Propositions 1 to 4.125

**Week 2: January 18**
The Paradox of the Tractatus: Metaphysics: Ethics, and the Limits of Philosophy
“What cannot be said can be shown.”
Tractatus: Propositions 6.3 through 7
**Week 3: January 25**
A Change of Style and Method in the *Philosophical Investigations*: A Second Attempt to Show the Limits of Philosophy and the Turn from Language as a Calculus to the Grammar of Ordinary Language
“Philosophical problems should completely disappear.”
*Philosophical Investigations*: Preface and Numbers 89 to 134 AND
The Critique of Augustine and the Picture Theory of Language  *Pl*: 1 to 26 AND
The Paradox of Ostensive Definition  *Pl*: 26 to 37

**Week 4: February 1**
Further Criticisms of the Tractarian View of Meaning and Understanding  *Pl*: 37 to 65
AND “Language is not a Calculus.”  *Pl*: 65 to 89

**Week 5: February 8**
The Problem with Rules and Rule-Following I: The Paradox of Explanation  *Pl*: 135 to 184

**Week 6: February 15**
The Critique of Rule-Following II: The Application of Rules as Arbitrary
“Rules cannot compel compliance.”  *Pl*: 184 to 242

**Week 7: February 22**
Privacy and Why the Concept of a Private Language Makes no Sense: The Rejection of the Mind-body Dualism and Introspection and the Paradox of Pointing to Inner Phenomena  *Pl*: 242 to 316

**Week 8: March 1**
More Worries about the philosophical/psychological distinction between the Inner and the Outer: Thoughts, Imagination, and the “mystery” of Consciousness  *Pl*: 316 to 428

**Week 9: March 8**
Language and the World: Further Attacks on Dualism and the Correspondence Theory of Truth  *Pl*: 428 to 570

**Week 10: March 15**
More Considerations of Wittgenstein’s Philosophy of Psychology and Other Aspects of his Anti-psychologism  *Pl*: 570 through 693
The Influence and Importance of Wittgenstein’s philosophy: What are we to make of his admonition that we should set philosophy aside and stop doing it once we have dissolved its paradoxes and disentangled its linguistic knots? Has he been
successful in showing the fly the way out of the fly bottle? Or might that fly find ever-new ways to entrap itself?