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Course Description:

This Area Reading Exam will consider many central issues in the philosophy of modality. One particular focus will be on modelling the dynamics of discourse using possible worlds.

Evaluation Scheme:

Grades will normally be determined in the following manner:

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<td>Short Response Papers</td>
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Schedule of Topics and Readings

https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/pragmatics/

The list of readings below may be revised as the course progresses, depending on our interests and pace.

1. **Historical background about Modality:**  


Quine, W.V.O. Three Grades of Modal Involvement. *The Ways of Paradox and Other Essays*.


2. **Modeling discourse**


3. **Recent work**

Elga, Adam, and Rayo, Agustin. Ms. Fragmented decision theory. (I have it.)


Summaries: the goal of an article summary is to prove to me that you have mastered the material presented in it. These are graded Pass/Fail. You must receive a Pass on each of them in order to pass the course.

**Failure to submit all the written work by the due date without a legitimate excuse will result in an automatic grade of FAIL.**