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Course Code	Course Name	Semester	Theory	Practice	Lab	Credit	ECTS
PHIL 728	Problems of Contemporary Philosophy of Language	2	3	0	0	3	8

Prerequisites	
Admission Requirements	

Language of Instruction	Turkish
Course Type	Elective
Course Level	Doctoral Degree
Objective	An examination of the nature and structure of language and of contemporary philosophical problems arising in connection with it. Topics covered will include meaning, reference, speech acts and relevant issues of contemporary descriptive linguistics.
Content	Conceptions of language from Frege to Chomsky.
References	Jean-Gérard Rossi: Philosophie analytique. Bertrand Russell, Signification et Vérité. Gottlob Frege, "Fonction et concept". Alfred Ayer, Langage, vérité et logique. Ludwig Wittgenstein, Tractatus logico-philosophicus. _____, Investigations philosophiques. John L. Austin, Quand dire, c'est faire. John R. Searle, Les actes du langage. _____, Construction de la réalité sociale. Noam Chomsky, Le Langage et l'esprit.

Theory Topics

Week	Weekly Contents
1	Introduction to contemporary philosophy of language
2	Rise of the analytical philosophy
3	Frege: fonction and concept
4	Russell: definite descriptions
5	Ayer: logical positivism
6	Theory of meaning in the early Wittgenstein
7	The language games in the later Wittgenstein
8	Austin and the rise of pragmatics
9	Searle: speech acts
10	The fonction of language in the construction of social reality in Searle
11	behaviorist teories of language
12	The new cartesian theory of language: Chomsky
13	Nativist thesis of Pinker
14	final reflections