

PHIL 3401: Metaphysics
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2. René Magritte, *La Condition humaine*, 1933.

Metaphysics, broadly understood as the study of reality, is often described as being at the abstract heart of Philosophy, with important connections to other branches of Philosophy, including epistemology; logic; the philosophies of mind, language, and science; ethics; and aesthetics. In this asynchronous class, we will discuss some central issues in contemporary analytic metaphysics such as ontology, identity, properties, and causation. Both classic and contemporary readings will be used.