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 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.

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