This course will be a survey of some contemporary work in the metaphysics of time, broadly construed. The course is intended to be self-contained, and it won’t presuppose any background knowledge in the metaphysics of time. Some of the topics that we might be covering include the following:

(i) **Experience and Time**: Does our conscious experience of the world support one metaphysical theory of time over any other?

(ii) **Persistence**: How do objects persist across time? What relationship is there, if any, between the nature of persistence and the nature of time? What relationship is there, if any, between the nature of persistence and our understanding of the laws of nature?

(iii) **Temporal Ontology**: Do past and future objects exist? If there are no past and future objects, how could there be truths about the past and future? Are different views about temporal ontology empirically equivalent? Does Special Relativity (and General Relativity) show that all times are equally real?

(iv) **Modality and Time**: Philosophers like to draw various analogies between modality and time. For example, the debate about whether other possible worlds exist in addition to the actual world is in some ways analogous to the debate about whether past or future times exist in addition to the present time. To what extent can we make progress in debates about the metaphysics of time by drawing on debates about the metaphysics of modality?

(v) **The Passage of Time**: Does time pass (and what does that mean)? If it does pass, how fast does it pass, and why does it pass? Does science support the view that there is no fundamental directionality to time?