This course will focus on the interrelations between two of the analytic tradition’s most important philosophers, Bertrand Russell and W. V. Quine. On the one hand, we will look at the direct influence of Russell on Quine, with a particular focus on their work in logic. Here, we will see that Quine’s famed naturalism can be traced back to his early engagement with Russell’s logical work. On the other hand, we will look at the parallel but independent development of their respective philosophical positions. Here again, naturalism will be our primary focus. We will see how the basic philosophical commitments of Russell lead both him and Quine to a naturalistic conception of philosophy. Quine’s philosophy can be understood as the culmination of a view, he found already in Russell. But interestingly enough, Russell’s own later philosophy leads to a very similar position.