

FACULTY OF ARTS DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 201 Lec 02 - "Mind, Matter, and God"

Fall Term 2012

Course Outline

Lectures: (T/R 11:00-12:15 in A 140)

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Course Description

This is an introductory course designed to introduce students to the topics and methods of modern analytic philosophy. We will cover five important philosophical areas: the existence of God; skepticism and epistemology; theories of the mind; freedom of the will; and theories of justice. We will also cover the philosophical method, including informal logic and the nature and structure of philosophical arguments. Students will be expected to learn the standard views in these areas, and will be encouraged to form their own opinions and arguments concerning them.

Required Text

Introduction to Philosophy, Classical and contemporary readings, Sixth Edition, Michael Bratman, John Perry, and JM Fischer Eds., Oxford 2012.

Assignments and Dates

There will be three sorts of assignments: papers, glossaries, and a mid-term exam. Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work for this course. There will NOT be a Registrar-scheduled final exam. Papers and Glossaries are due before 4pm on the date indicated below in the drop-box labeled for this course and located in the main hallway of the Philosophy Department (12th floor, Social Sciences Building).

<u>Papers</u>

There will be two short (5-7) page papers due during the course of the semester. The papers will be on assigned topics from the readings. **Due dates: Paper 1 – Thursday, November 1**st; **Paper 2**

- Thursday, December 6th

Glossaries

Students will keep a glossary of new philosophical terms they learn in class, along with brief definitions to be written by the student herself. **Glossaries must be turned in at the end of every month**

Mid-Term Exam

There will be a mid-term exam, consisting of both short answer and long answer questions.

The mid-term exam will be held in class on Tuesday, October 25th.

Mark Breakdown

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2 papers – 25% apiece ------50%

3 Glossaries – 5% apiece ------15%

1 Mid-Term – 25% ------25%

Participation ------10%
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The participation grade will be based on participation in the tutorial sessions. Students will be evaluated on their contributions to tutorial discussions and demonstration of their familiarity with the reading material.

Grading Scheme

I assign letter grades in the following manner

Late Papers/Assignments

Late assignments will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the TA instructor or me. If accepted, late assignments may be subject to penalties, although no more than 1/3 of a letter grade per day.

INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as **an extremely serious academic offence**, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test;
- parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;
- the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or
- a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, contact their office at 220-8237.

Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVES

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial FOIP Act in all aspects of its operations as a publicly funded institution. The Department of Philosophy ensures the student's right to privacy by requiring all graded assignments be returned to the student directly from the instructor.

SAFEWALK

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PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

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