

Department of Philosophy
The University of Calgary

Philosophy 349 Lec 01 – “Contemporary Moral Theories”
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Course Outline

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In this course, we will undertake a detailed investigation of some central normative ethical theories, including utilitarian, deontological, and virtue theories. Various accounts of goodness, such as hedonism, will be discussed as well.

Texts:

Reading Packet (available at *Bound and Copied*, the Students' Union Copy Centre in MacEwan Hall).

Course Requirements:

There will be two in-class exams each worth 30% of the total grade, one paper worth 30% of the total grade, and class participation worth 10% of the total grade. There will be *no* provisions for “extra-credit.” No late papers will be accepted and you will not be able to take an exam at any time other than the time at which it is scheduled without a formal “Deferral of Term Work” having been granted by the University.

Conversion of Percentages into Letter Grades:

A+ = 99-100	A = 92-98	A- = 89-91
B+ = 86-88	B = 82-85	B- = 80-81
C+ = 77-79	C = 71-76	C- = 68-70
D+ = 63-67	D = 60-62	F = <60

Tentative Assignment Dates:

First in-class exam: Thurs Oct. 9

Second in-class exam: Thurs Nov 13

Paper: Thurs Dec 4

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 is an extremely serious offence. 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, please 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 REPRESENTATIVE

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