

# PHIL 383-01 Winter Term 2018

## **Course Outline**

Philosophy and Psychology Lectures: MWF 1-1:50, MS217

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**Course Description**: Issues in philosophy and psychology converge and overlap. We will survey a number of such issues, with the aim of introducing students to key topics in philosophy of mind, philosophy of psychology, and philosophically-oriented cognitive science. Our topics will include reductionism, functionalism, and artificial intelligence, among others.

Prerequisites: None

## **Course Learning Outcomes:**

Students who complete this course will have a grasp of some of the key theoretical issues that underlie the philosophical study of the mind. This will give them the tools to understand a large swath of contemporary work in cognitive science. Students will also be required to write a series of exams and papers in which they interpret and analyze complex ideas and arguments.

## Required Texts (available at the campus bookstore):

Clark, Andrew. Mindware (second edition).

### **Course Assessment**

- Two exams, worth 25% of your grade each: Feb. 14<sup>th</sup> and March. 14<sup>th</sup>.
- One quiz, worth 10% of your grade: April 11<sup>th</sup>.
- A final paper in two drafts. Rough draft due March 21 is worth 5%. Final draft Due April 15<sup>th</sup> is worth 30%.
- Peer review: worth 5% of your grade. Due April 4<sup>th</sup>.
- Late assignments are penalized 1/3 letter grade per (calendar) day.
- There will be no registrar-scheduled final exam.

#### **Letter Grade Conversion Table**

A+	96 –100 %	C+	67-69.9 %
Α	91-95.9 %	С	64-66.9 %
A-	86-90.9 %	C-	60-63.9 %
B+	80-85.9 %	D+	55-59.9 %
В	75-79.9 %	D	50-54.9 %
B-	70-74.9 %	F	0-49.9 %

#### **Course Policies:**

No devices (laptops, cell phones, tablets) are allowed in class without explicit permission of the instructor.

### IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

### **Academic Honesty**

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment, an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw from the University. See the relevant sections on 'Academic Misconduct' in the current University Calendar. Intellectual honesty requires that your work include adequate referencing to sources. Plagiarism occurs when you do not acknowledge or correctly reference your sources. If you have questions about correct referencing, consult your instructor.

### **Academic Accommodation**

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities <a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf">http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf</a>.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their instructor.

### **D2L Help**

Desire2Learn is UCalgary's online learning management system. Important information and communications about this course may be posted on D2L. Go to <a href="https://ucalgary.service-now.com/it">https://ucalgary.service-now.com/it</a> for help.

## **General Academic Concerns and Program Planning**

Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Drop in at SS102, call 403-220-3580, or email <a href="mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca">ascarts@ucalgary.ca</a>. Advisors in the ASC can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. Visit the Faculty of Arts website at <a href="https://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate">https://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate</a> for detailed information on common academic concerns

## **Advice on Philosophy Courses**

You may find answers to your more specific questions about a philosophy degree on the Department of Philosophy's website <a href="http://phil.ucalgary.ca">http://phil.ucalgary.ca</a>, or contact one of Philosophy's Undergraduate Advisors. Jeremy Fantl (<a href="mailto:jfantl@ucalgary.ca">jfantl@ucalgary.ca</a>), Allen Habib (<a href="mailto:anhabib@ucalgary.ca">anhabib@ucalgary.ca</a>), Megan Delehanty (<a href="mailto:mdelehan@ucalgary.ca">mdelehan@ucalgary.ca</a>).

### **Registration Overload/Prereq Waivers**

If you are seeking to register in a Philosophy course that is full or to get permission to waive the prereqs for a course, email the Department Manager, Tram Nguyen (<a href="mailto:tram.nguyen1@ucalgary.ca">tram.nguyen1@ucalgary.ca</a>). Include the specific course information and your UCID number in your request.

### Writing

This course will include written assignments. Faculty policy directs that all written assignments (including, although to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on

writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented. Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services and other Student Success Centre Services, located on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library. Writing Support Services assist with a variety of assignments, from essays to lab reports. Students can book 30-minute one-on-one appointments online, sign up for 15- minute drop-in appointments, and register for a variety of writing workshops. For more information on this and other Student Success Centre services, please visit <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc">www.ucalgary.ca/ssc</a>.

## **Protection of Privacy**

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. 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 or teaching assistant.

### **Internet and Electronic Communication Devices**

The instructor reserves the right to establish course policies regarding the use of devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartbooks. If allowed, these devices must be used exclusively for instructional purposes and must not cause disruption to the instructor or to fellow students. Cell phones and paging devices should be set to silent mode during lectures. Audio or video recording of lectures is not permitted without the written permission of the instructor. Students violating this policy are subject to discipline under the University of Calgary's Non-Academic Misconduct policy

# **Emergency Evacuation:**

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints">http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints</a>. Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

## **Other Helpful Contacts**

- Safewalk and Campus Security: 403-220-5333.
- Faculty of Arts Student Representatives: 403-220-6552, arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
- Student Union: <a href="https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/">https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/</a>; 403-220-6551.
- Student Ombudsman: <a href="http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds">http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds</a>
- Campus Mental Health Strategy: <a href="https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/">https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/</a>