



UNIVERSITY OF  
CALGARY

FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

## Philosophy 523.3 Lec 01 Advanced Topics in Metaphysics: Free Will and Semi-Compatibilism

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### Course Outline

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### ***Course Description***

The central aim of this course is to examine whether obligation presupposes our having free will, and if so, whether determinism is indeed compatible with the truth of judgments concerning obligation.

### ***Required Texts***

Students will be supplied with a list of papers. Each of these papers is available online in journals or other venues to which our University Library subscribes. Links to the papers will be posted on D2L.

### ***Evaluation***

There will be three 7-page papers, each weighted equally. Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in evaluation. Writing should be clear, coherent, and to the point. The student's overall grade for the course will be determined entirely by the student's performance on the papers. There will be no Registrar-scheduled final examination. There will be *no* provisions for "extra-credit." There is no particular component of the course in which a pass is essential if the student is to pass the course as a whole.

Tentative Assignment Dates:

Paper 1            Thurs Oct. 9

Paper 2            Thurs Nov. 6

Paper 3            Friday Dec. 5

### ***Grading Method***

Each paper will be assigned a letter grade. The student's overall grade for the course will be an average of the student's letter grades on the student's papers. Letter grades will be averaged by using GPA numerical equivalents as outlined in the University Calendar.

### ***Policy on Late Assignments***

No late papers will be accepted without a formal "Deferral of Term Work" having been granted by the University.

### **Academic Honesty**

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, 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**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a permanent disability or temporary impairment who may require academic accommodation, you must first register with the Student Accessibility Resource Office located in MacEwan Student Centre 452; phone 403-220-8237; email [access@ucalgary.ca](mailto:access@ucalgary.ca). Students who have not registered with the Student Accessibility Office are not eligible for 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. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/> for further information.

### **D2L Help**

Desire2Learn is the University of Calgary's learning management system which has now replaced BlackBoard. Go to <http://www.elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/> for help in using Desire2Learn.

### **Student Advising and Information Resources**

- **General Academic Concerns and Program Planning**— Have a question but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts' Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts. Drop in at SS110, call 403-220-3580, or email [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca). Advisors in the PIC Office can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. You can visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undersgraduate> 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 <http://phil.ucalgary.ca> or contact one of Philosophy's current Undergraduate Advisors (see below)
- **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 instructor of the course.

### **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.

### **Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representatives**

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial, and confidential support for students who require assistance or advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. For more information, see [www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds](http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds). For the Students' Union Faculty of Arts rep: [arts1@ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@ucalgary.ca).

### **Safewalk**

Call 403-220-5333 (24/7/365) for a Safewalk volunteer to accompany you safely to your destination on campus including parking lots, housing, and the LRT station or use a Campus Help Phone.

#### **PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT**

The Department of Philosophy is located on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Social Sciences Building and on the web at [www.phil.ucalgary.ca](http://www.phil.ucalgary.ca)

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