



UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 571.4 Lec 1
Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Logic and Philosophy of Language:
"Counting"

Winter Term 2015
Course Outline

Class Meetings: W 18:00-20:45 in SA 123

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Course Description

Examining the meanings of ordinary counting sentences like "Two frogs are in the bog" raises a variety of issues at the intersection of philosophy of language, metaphysics, semantics, and psychology. We'll survey a host of such issues, with special attention paid to the way that investigations in distinct areas can inform one another. Topics will include the problem of the many, scalar implicature, number concept acquisition, and the mass/count distinction.

Required Texts

Grice, Paul. 1989 *Studies in the Ways of Words*. Harvard University Press.

A variety of articles listed on the detailed reading list, all of which are available through the university library.

Course Requirements

- Five short papers, capped at 400 words. These can be handed in via e-mail whenever the student chooses, subject to the following constraints: (1) only one can be handed in per week, and (2) all must be handed in by March 25.
- A term paper (8-12 pages) in two drafts, handed in via e-mail. The first draft is due on April 1, and the second draft is due on April 15.
- Peer-review of a classmate's term paper, due on April 8.
- There is no Registrar-scheduled final exam.

Grading

- The short papers will be worth 40% of your grade.
- The final paper will be worth 55%, and the peer review will be worth 5%.
- Late assignments are penalized 1/3 letter grade per day, and aren't accepted after 10 days.

Letter Grade Conversion Table

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

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. 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. 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. For the Students' Union Faculty of Arts rep: arts1@ucalgary.ca.

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