



UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy 623.3 Lec 01 Topics in Metaphysics: Free Will and Semi-Compatibilism

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Course Outline

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Lectures: Tu/Th 12:30–1:45, SA 243

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 10-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.