



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 201 Lec. 03 – “Mind, Matter, and God”
Fall Term 2012

Course Outline

Lectures: MWF 12:00-12:50
Room: A 140

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Course Description:

This course is a general introduction to philosophy. In this course, we will focus on some important issues that are discussed in the philosophical domains of epistemology, metaphysics and the philosophy of religion. We will begin by examining philosophical discussions about the nature and scope of human knowledge. Then, we will turn to the issues concerning the mind/body problem, and how the mental relates to the physical. Next, we will examine the issues related to free will and moral responsibility. And, finally, we will address the issues concerning whether it is possible to reconcile the existence of an all-good and all-powerful God with the apparent existence of evils and sufferings, and whether we can have morality without God and religion.

Required Text:

Course packet, available at the University Bookstore

Course Evaluation:

- Two in-class **tests**: the first in-class test (worth **20%**) on **October 12th (Friday)**, and the second in-class test (worth **20%**) on **November 16th (Friday)**.
- One take-home **assignment**: the only take-home assignment (4-6 pages; worth **25%**) is due on **November 30th (Friday)**. The assignment may be handed to the instructor after the class on that day or it may be dropped to the TA's drop-box located in the Philosophy Department (SS 12th floor) by 4 pm on the day mentioned.
- A **Registrar-scheduled final exam** (worth **25%**)
- **Tutorial performance**: students' participation in the discussion in tutorials (worth **10%**) will be evaluated.

Grading Method:

$$98 \geq \mathbf{A} + \leq 100$$

$$86 \geq \mathbf{B} + < 90$$

$$74 \geq \mathbf{C} + < 78$$

$$62 \geq \mathbf{D} + < 66$$

$$94 \geq \mathbf{A} < 98$$

$$82 \geq \mathbf{B} < 86$$

$$70 \geq \mathbf{C} < 74$$

$$58 \geq \mathbf{D} < 62$$

$$90 \geq \mathbf{A} - < 94$$

$$78 \geq \mathbf{B} - < 82$$

$$66 \geq \mathbf{C} - < 70$$

$$0 \geq \mathbf{F} < 58$$

Policy on absence in Tests and late submission of the Assignment:

- A make-up test may be given for those students who, due to an emergency (e.g. medical reason, family problem, etc.) fail to attend in an in-class test. The concerned student must meet with the TA and/or with me to arrange the make-up test date as soon as possible, and no later than two weeks of the original test date. The student may be asked to produce documents related to his/her failure to attend the test on the original test date.
- The only assignment which is due on November 30th (4:00 pm) must be submitted in the form of hard-copy by the above mentioned date and time. However, if you anticipate any difficulty in turning your assignment in on time, you must discuss the problem with me before November 30th; a no-more-than-five-days extension may be given if you have an appropriate excuse. If a student submits his/her assignment late (without having an extension from me), then his/her assignment will lose the equivalent of 1/3 of a full letter grade for each day the assignment is late; an assignment late by 13 days or more (weekends included) won't be accepted for grading. And, the same policy will be applicable to those who have received an extension (in this case, the days of lateness will be counted from the concerned student's revised date of the submission of his/her assignment).
- Missing tests/assignments receive a zero.

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 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, 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.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial FOIP Act in all aspects of its operations as a publicly funded institution. 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.

SAFEWALK

Call 403-220-5333 (24 hours a day/7 days a week/365 days a year) for a Safewalk volunteer to accompany you safely to your destination on campus including parking lots, housing, and LRT station. Or use a Campus Help phone.

PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

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