



FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

## PHIL 201 Lec 01 – “Mind, Matter, and God”

Fall Term 2013

### Course Outline

**Lectures:** (T/R 9:30-10:45 in KNB 126)

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### **Course Description**

This is an introductory course designed to introduce students to the topics and methods of modern analytic philosophy. We will cover five important philosophical areas: the existence of God; skepticism and epistemology; theories of the mind; freedom of the will; and theories of justice. We will also cover the philosophical method, including informal logic and the nature and structure of philosophical arguments. Students will be expected to learn the standard views in these areas, and will be encouraged to form their own opinions and arguments concerning them.

### **Required Text**

*Introduction to Philosophy, Classical and contemporary readings*, Sixth Edition, Michael Bratman, John Perry, and JM Fischer Eds., Oxford 2012.

### **Assignments and Dates**

There will be three sorts of assignments: papers, glossaries, and a mid-term exam. Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work for this course. There will NOT be a Registrar-scheduled final exam. Papers and Glossaries are due before 4pm on the date indicated below in the drop-box labeled for this course and located in the main hallway of the Philosophy Department (12<sup>th</sup> floor, Social Sciences Building).

#### Papers

There will be two short (5-7) page papers due during the course of the semester. The papers will be on assigned topics from the readings. **Due dates: Paper 1 – Thursday, November 7<sup>th</sup>; Paper 2 – Thursday, December 5<sup>th</sup>.**

#### Glossaries

Students will keep a glossary of new philosophical terms they learn in class, along with brief definitions to be written by the student herself. **Glossaries must be turned in at the end of every month**

#### Mid-Term Exam

There will be a mid-term exam, consisting of both short answer and long answer questions. **The mid-term exam will be held in class on Thursday, October 24<sup>th</sup>.**

## Mark Breakdown

2 papers – 25% apiece -----	50%
3 Glossaries – 5% apiece -----	15%
1 Mid-Term – 25% -----	25%
Participation -----	10%

The participation grade will be based on participation in the tutorial sessions. Students will be evaluated on their contributions to tutorial discussions and demonstration of their familiarity with the reading material.

## Grading Scheme

I assign letter grades in the following manner

97-100% = A+	93-96 = A	90-92 = A-
87-89% = B+	83-86 = B	80-82 = B-
77-79% = C+	73-76 = C	70-72 = C-
50-69% = D	0-49 = F	

## Late Papers/Assignments

Late assignments will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the TA instructor or me. If accepted, late assignments may be subject to penalties, although no more than 1/3 of a letter grade per day.

## 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.

## Blackboard Help

Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/computersupport/onlineservices/blackboard> for Student Help and FAQs about Blackboard. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are available at <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/blackboard/students>.

## Student Advising and Information Resources

- **General Academic Concerns** – 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). You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undersgraduate> for detailed information on common academic concerns.
- **Program Planning** – For assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation, contact the Student Success Centre at 403-220-5881 or visit it on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- **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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