



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 201 Lec 01 – “Mind, Matter and God”
Fall Term 2015**

Course Outline

Lectures: Monday, Wednesday, Friday, 10:00am-10:50am in SA 104

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Course Description

This is an introductory course in philosophy. It will cover four important philosophical areas: the existence of God; skepticism and epistemology; theories of mind; and philosophy of science. Students will be expected to learn the standard views in these areas.

Required Texts

First Philosophy: Fundamental Problems and Readings in Philosophy (2nd Edition).

Bailey, Andrew and Martin, Robert M. (eds.), Broadview Press, 2011.

Additional materials will be indicated via D2L for this class.

Available at: <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/login.asp>

Evaluation

Homework #1: 10% **Due Wednesday, September 23rd**

Test #1: 20% **Monday, October 5th**

Homework #2: 10% **Due Wednesday, October 14th**

Homework #3: 10% **Due Wednesday, October 28th**

Test #2: 20% **Monday, November 9th**

Homework #4: 10% **Due Monday, November 16th**

Homework #5: 10% **Due Friday, December 4th**

Test #3: 10% **Monday, December 7th**

The entire mark will involve being graded on homework assignments and tests. There is NO registrar scheduled final exam.

The final grade will be based on the credit accumulated from the various assignments and tests, so it is mathematically possible to pass the course without turning in any particular assignment or test. But this strategy is not recommended.

Homework Assignments:

Homework Assignments will be posted on D2L one week prior to their due date. For example, Homework #1 will be posted on D2L on Wednesday, September 16 and will be due Wednesday, September 23.

Tests:

Tests will be written in class. No text books, study aids, cheat sheets, etc. will be permitted. Any student violating these prohibitions will receive an automatic ZERO.

Further instructions will be included when those topics are distributed.

D2L and Email:

Class information and homework assignments will be posted on D2L. You'll be sent class announcements through email and the email account used will be the one you gave the University Registrar. So please check that account on a regular basis.

Tutorials:

A graduate student in philosophy will lead tutorials. He will clarify course material and he will highlight which course material is most important for homework and tests. He'll also answer your questions and offer help on homework and tests.

Grading Method

All evaluated material will be graded on a scale from A+ to F. To weight assignments and calculate the final grade, these letter grades will be converted into the following scale:

95.0-100% = A+	90.0-94.9% = A	85.0-89.9% = A-
80.0-84.9% = B+	75.0-79.9% = B	70.0-74.9% = B-
65.0-69.9% = C+	60.0-64.9% = C	55.0-59.9% = C-
50.0-54.9% = D+	45.0-49.9% = D	0-44.9% = F

Policy on Late Assignments

All homework assignments and tests are to be submitted in class. No make-up tests will be given or late homework assignments accepted without an appropriate excuse.

Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense, 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

Student's seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services. SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For more information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>. Students who require accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their instructor. The full policy on student accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is the University of Calgary's online learning management system. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/it/services/d2l> for help.

Student Advising and Information Resources

- General Academic Concerns and Program Planning– Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Drop in at SS102, call 403-220-3580, or email ascarts@ucalgary.ca . Advisors in the ASC can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. Visit the Faculty of Arts website at <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> 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 or teaching assistant.

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 12th floor of the Social Sciences Building
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