



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 201 Lec 02 – “Mind, Matter and God”
Fall Term 2015**

Course Outline

Lectures: MWF 12:00-12:50 EEEL 210

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Course Description: This class is a general introduction to philosophy. It will focus on four areas of philosophy: epistemology, philosophy of religion, philosophy of science, and philosophy of mind. Epistemology explores how we obtain knowledge. Philosophy of religion investigates the existence of God from a philosophical perspective. Philosophy of science asks what makes a theory scientific. Philosophy of mind attempts to provide an account of the mind.

Required Texts: *First Philosophy: Fundamental Problems and Readings in Philosophy, Second Edition* (2011), edited by Andrew Bailey (with Robert Martin). Broadview Press.

Evaluation and Grading

- Three take home tests and four in class quizzes are required. There is no registrar-scheduled final exam. A passing grade is not required on any one item for a passing grade in the course.

ASSIGNMENT	VALUE	DUE DATE
Quiz #1	10	In class Sep. 23
Test #1	20	Take home due Oct. 7
Quiz #2	10	In class Oct 21
Test #2	20	Take home due Nov. 4
Quiz #3	10	In class Nov. 18
Quiz #4	10	In class Dec. 2
Test #3	20	Take home due Dec. 9
Total	100%	

Take Home Tests

- Questions will be posted on D2L.
- Should be handed in to the class drop box located on the 12th floor of the Social Sciences building.
- Are due by 4:30 on the dates indicated above.
- **Will not be accepted under any circumstances by email.**

Letter Grade Scheme

Percent Mark	Letter Grade	Percent Mark	Letter Grade
90-100	A+	85-89.9	A
80-84.9	A-	77-79.9	B+
74-76.9	B	70-73.9	B-
67-69.9	C+	64-66.9	C
60-63.9	C-	55-59.9	D+
50-54.9	D	0-49	F

Late Policy: Quizzes may be written at an alternate date and time only in cases of truly exceptional circumstances.

Take home tests may be accepted late at a penalty of 5%/48 hour period from their due date and time. This penalty will only be waived in part or in whole in cases of truly exceptional circumstances.

Truly exceptional circumstances should be communicated to the Instructor as soon as possible. Supporting documentation may be required to substantiate a claim of truly exceptional circumstances.

D2L and Email: Class information, take-home tests, and any handouts will be posted on D2L. Students will 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.

Tutorials: A philosophy Ph.D. student will lead tutorials. He will clarify course material and he will highlight which course material is most important for tests and quizzes. He'll also answer any questions you may have. Students are advised to come to tutorials prepared with questions for the T.A.

Topics and Readings

NB: This is a tentative list and schedule which is subject to change at any time throughout the semester.

Introduction to Philosophy and Logic

What is Philosophy?

An Introduction to Arguments

Philosophy of Religion

St. Anselm *Proslogion* & c.

St. Aquinas *Summa Theologiae*, Part 1, Question 2, The Existence of God (In Three Articles)

J.L. Mackie *Evil and Omnipotence*

Epistemology

Rene Descartes *Meditations on First Philosophy*

John Locke *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (selections)

George Berkeley *Three Dialogues Between Hylas and Philonous*, First Dialogue

Philosophy of Science

C.S. Pierce "The Fixation of Belief"

Carl Popper "Science: Conjectures and Refutations"

Thomas Kuhn "Objectivity, Value Judgment, and Theory Choice"

Philosophy of Mind

Gilbert Ryle "Descartes' Myth"

John Searle "Minds, Brains and Programs"

Thomas Nagel "What is it like to be a bat?"

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

Students 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

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