



**FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

**PHIL 201 Lec 02 – “Mind, Matter and God”
Winter Term 2010**

Course Outline

Lectures: TR 1100-1215 in ICT 144

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Overview

This course aims to introduce you to philosophy and its methods. As I hope to show you, you can do philosophy about any question, but this course will focus on just three to give you both exposure to some of the history of philosophy and a chance to practice and build your philosophical skills by engaging with them. The first will be the ancient Greek and Roman discussion of the nature of the universe. The second will be the nature and existence of God; and the third will be the nature and existence of morality.

Required Texts:

- *Greek Philosophy: Thales to Aristotle* (Third Edition, Revised and Expanded) Edited by Reginald E. Allen (New York: The Free Press, 1991). ISBN 0-02-900495-0
- Additional materials will be posted to the Blackboard site for this class. Available at: <https://blackboard.ucalgary.ca/webapps/login/>

Evaluation:

Participation:	10%	
First Paper:	15%	Due: Thursday, Feb 11 th
Midterm Exam:	20%	Thursday, Mar 11 th
Second Paper:	25%	Due: Thursday, Apr 15 th
Registrar-Scheduled Final Exam:	30%	Exam Week, Time and Location TBA

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 standard 4.0 scale:

4.3 – A+	3.3 – B+	2.3 – C+	1.3 – D+	0.0 – F
4.0 – A	3.0 – B	2.0 – C	1.0 – D	
3.7 – A-	2.7 – B-	1.7 – C-	0.7 – D-	

The arithmetic that will calculate your final grade will follow this formula:

$$(\text{Participation}).10 + (\text{1st Paper}).15 + (\text{Midterm}).20 + (\text{2nd Paper}).25 + (\text{Final}).30 = \text{Final Grade}$$

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

Participation:

Your participation grade will be based on weekly assignments (which may be quizzes, weekly questions, or reading response papers) assigned by the Tutorial Instructor.

Exams:

Will be cumulative to the point in the course that they are given and will be graded by the course instructor.

Papers:

Will be in response to paper topics given in advance to their due dates and will be graded by the tutorial instructor.

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 is an extremely serious offence. 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, please 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.

STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVE

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