



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 201 Lec 03 - "Mind, Matter and God"
Winter Term 2011

Course Outline

Lectures: TuTh 11:00 - 12:15, ST 132

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Course Description

This class is a general introduction to philosophy. It will focus on three areas of philosophy: epistemology, philosophy of science, and philosophy of mind. Epistemology explores what sort of knowledge we have of the world. 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 (2002), edited by Andrew Bailey. Broadview Press.

Evaluation and Grading

- Three in-class tests and four homework assignments are required. No Registrar-scheduled final will be given. No component is such that a passing grade on it is required to pass the course.
- The schedule for tests and homework assignments as well as their point values is the following.

January 20	Homework #1	50
February 3	Homework #2	100
February 10	Test #1	250
March 3	Homework #3	100
March 17	Homework #4	100
March 24	Test #2	300
April 14	Test #3	<u>100</u>
		1000

- No make-up tests will be given or late homework assignments accepted without an appropriate excuse.

- Final grades will be awarded as follows.

960-1000 = A+	750-799 = B	550-599 = C-
900-959 = A	700-749 = B-	500-549 = D+
850-899 = A-	650-699 = C+	450-499 = D
800-849 = B+	600-649 = C	below 450 = F

BlackBoard and Email

Class information and handouts will be posted on BlackBoard. You'll be sent class announcements through email. The email account used will be the one you gave the University Registrar, so make sure to check that account.

Tutorials

A philosophy Ph.D. student will lead tutorials and go over class material to help you with homework and tests. All homework and tests are on Thursdays. Tutorials are on Tuesday and Wednesday before the Thursday lecture. Tutorials are excellent places to get help on homework and tests. Attendance is optional. If you attend, please attend the tutorial you are officially enrolled in to avoid overcrowding.

Topics and Readings

Introduction to Philosophy and Logic

Epistemology

Descartes *Meditations on First Philosophy*

Locke *An Essay Concerning Human Understanding* (selections)

Philosophy of Science

Pierce "The Fixation of Belief"

Popper "Science: Conjectures and Refutations"

Kuhn "Objectivity, Value Judgments, and Theory Choice"

Philosophy of Mind

Ryle "Descartes's Myth"

Searle "Minds, Brains and Programs"

Nagel "What Is It Like to Be a bat?"

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.

STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVES

The Faculty of Arts Representatives are Laura Golebiowski (arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), Bhuvana Sankaranarayanan (arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), Lara Schmitz (arts3@su.ucalgary.ca), and Vincent St. Pierre (arts4@su.ucalgary.ca).

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 unless other arrangements have been made in writing and filed with the Department Administrator.

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