



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 201 Lec 02 – “Mind, Matter, and God”

Winter Term 2013

Course Outline

Lectures: M/W/F 11:00-11:50 in SA 106

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Course Description

This course is an introduction to philosophical inquiry, chiefly through work of Plato and Descartes, focusing on questions of knowledge, reality, explanation, value, consciousness, and free will.

Textbooks

Plato, *A Plato Reader*, edited by C.D.C. Reeve, Hackett Publishing.

First Philosophy: Concise Edition, edited by Andrew Bailey with Robert M. Martin, Broadview Press.

Evaluation and Coursework

Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work for this course. For further explanation, see the UC Calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>. No assignment is such that a passing grade on it is required to pass the course.

3 mini-essays (of 3-4 pages) @ 10% each = 30%

The due dates for these essays, which are to be given to the instructor or the TA **in class**, depend on the first initial of your last name:

A-B: January 18, February 13, March 15

C-D: January 21, February 15, March 18

E-H: January 23, February 25, March 20

I-K: January 25, February 27, March 22

L: January 28, March 1, April 1

M: January 30, March 4, April 3

N-R: February 1, March 6, April 3

S: February 4, March 8, April 5

T-V: February 6, March 11, April 8

W-Z: February 8, March 13, April 10

2 in-class tests, on Monday February 11, and Monday March 25 @ 10% each = 20%

2 Tutorial projects @ 10% each = 20%

Final exam, Registrar scheduled = 30%

In cases of a significant, steadily rising trajectory, later work will be weighted more heavily than earlier work.

To calculate your grade as you go along, I will be using the following correspondences:

A+ 90-100	B+ 75-79	C+ 60-64	D+ 45-49
A 85-89	B 70-74	C 55-59	D 40-44
A- 80-84	B- 65-69	C- 50-54	F 0-39

Policy on work handed in late

In general, a medical reason is required if you are to turn in work late without penalty. I will, though, entitle each student to two days of grace period to be used at your discretion throughout the semester. That way you do not need to request permission for those days. Late work beyond these two days will be penalized at the rate of 1% of the final grade per day.

Syllabus

Week 1: Introductory

Weeks 2-5: Socrates and Plato: *Apology, Crito, Meno*, excerpts from *Republic* and others.

Monday, February 11, test on Socrates and Plato

Weeks 6-8: Descartes, *Meditation 1*, Bertrand Russell, Charles Sanders Peirce (all from *First Philosophy*)

Weeks 9-10: Descartes, *Meditations 2-6*

Monday, March 25, test on Descartes

Weeks 11-13: Consciousness and Free Will: Thomas Nagel, Paul Rée, (in *First Philosophy*)

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.

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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

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