

Department of Philosophy
The University of Calgary

**Philosophy 249 Lec 02 – “Ethics”
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Course Outline

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This course is an introduction to moral philosophy. There are different sorts of moral appraisal; some concern the evaluation of actions, others the evaluation of character, others the evaluation of lives, and yet others the evaluation of persons. We will examine moral theories of each of these types of appraisal.

Texts:

- (1) James Rachels, *The Elements of Moral Philosophy (5th Edition)*
- (2) Reading Packet (available at *Bound and Copied*, the Students' Union Copy Centre in MacEwan Hall).

Course Requirements:

There will be two in-class quizzes and one Registrar-scheduled final exam, each worth 25% of the total grade. In addition, there will be one paper, again worth 25% of the total grade. There will be *no* provisions for “extra-credit.” No late papers will be accepted and you will not be able to take a quiz at any time other than the time at which it is scheduled without a formal “Deferral of Term Work” having been granted by the University.

Conversion of Number Grades into Percentage Grades:

A+ = 99-100	A = 98-92	A- = 91-89
B+ = 88-86	B = 85-82	B- = 81-77
C+ = 76-73	C = 72-68	C- = 67-63
D+ = 62-58	D = 57-50	F = 49-0

Tentative Assignment Dates:

Quiz 1	Thurs Feb. 5
Paper 1	Thurs March 5
Quiz 2	Thurs March 19
Final Exam	Registrar-scheduled

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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