



**FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

PHIL 249 Lec 03 – “Morality, Virtue and Society”

Winter Term 2015

Course Outline

Lectures: T/R 12:30-1:45 in AD 140

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Course Description

This is an introductory survey course in ethical theory. We will read selections from the history of Western thought in ethical (moral) theory, from the ancient Greeks to contemporary authors. We will examine traditional answers to the central questions of moral theory: What is the good? What is a good life? What does justice demand? We will also cover the major moral theories in the Western canon: Virtue Theory, the Divine Command/Natural Law, Sentimentalism, Kantianism, and Utilitarianism.

The first part of the course is an historical survey of moral theories, beginning with the Ancients and moving up to the 19th Century. In the latter part of the course, we will consider some contemporary ethical debates on abortion and animal rights.

Required Text

Steven Cahn and Peter Markie, eds., *Ethics: History, Theory and Contemporary Issues* (Oxford University Press, 3rd edition, 2005).

Assignments and Dates

There will be three sorts of assignments: papers, glossaries, and a mid-term exam. Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work for this course. There will NOT be a Registrar-scheduled final exam. Papers and Glossaries are due before 4pm on the date indicated below in the drop-box labeled for this course and located in the main hallway of the Philosophy Department (12th floor, Social Sciences Building).

Papers

There will be two short (5-7) page papers due during the course of the semester. The papers will be on assigned topics from the readings.

The first paper will be due on **Thursday, February 26th**.

The second paper will be due on **Thursday, April 9th**.

Glossaries

Students will keep a glossary of new philosophical terms they learn in class, along with brief definitions to be written by the student herself. **Glossaries must be turned in at the end of every month.**

Mid-Term Exam

There will be a mid-term exam, consisting of both short answer and long answer questions. **The mid-term exam will be held in class on Tuesday, March 17th.**

Mark Breakdown

2 papers – 25% apiece -----	50%
3 Glossaries – 5% apiece -----	15%
1 Mid-Term – 25% -----	25%
Participation -----	10%

The participation grade will be based on participation in the tutorial sessions. Students will be evaluated on their contributions to tutorial discussions and demonstration of their familiarity with the reading material.

Grading Scheme

I assign letter grades in the following manner

97-100% = A+	93-96 = A	90-92 = A-
87-89% = B+	83-86 = B	80-82 = B-
77-79% = C+	73-76 = C	70-72 = C-
50-69% = D	0-49 = F	

Late Papers/Assignments

Late assignments will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the TA instructor or me. If accepted, late assignments may be subject to penalties, although no more than 1/3 of a letter grade per day.

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

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a permanent disability or temporary impairment who may require academic accommodation, you must first register with the Student Accessibility Resource Office located in MacEwan Student Centre 452; phone 403-220-8237; email access@ucalgary.ca. Students who have not registered with the Student Accessibility Office are not eligible for 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. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/> for further information.

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is the University of Calgary's learning management system which has now replaced BlackBoard. Go to <http://www.elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/> for help in using Desire2Learn.

Student Advising and Information Resources

- General Academic Concerns and Program Planning— Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre (ASC) is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Drop in at SS110, call 403-220-3580, or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. Advisors in the ASC can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. You can visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate/> for more 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.

Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representatives

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial, and confidential support for students who require assistance or advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. For more information, see www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds. For the Students' Union Faculty of Arts rep: arts1@ucalgary.ca.

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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