



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
Department of Philosophy

PHIL 311 Lec 01
Twentieth Century Continental Philosophy
Winter Term 2019

Course Outline

Lectures: Tues & Thurs 2:00-3:15, SA 121

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Course Description

In this course, we study the development of continental philosophy from the early twentieth century to the beginning of the twenty-first century. We examine the philosophical ideas of thinkers from a range of philosophical movements: phenomenology, the Frankfurt School, and post-structuralism. The material on the course explores questions concerning ontology (philosophies of being), epistemology (theories of knowledge), language, subjectivity, social and political thought, and ethics. Class participation is strongly encouraged. Students will be expected to come to class having read the material and to raise questions and engage in the discussions throughout the term.

Prerequisites: None

Course Learning Outcomes

- Students will read difficult, complex books that they are unlikely initially to understand.
 - Further, students will learn to determine whether the book or chapter is positioning itself against another view, either explicitly or implicitly, and be able to state what this view is.
 - Finally, students will acquire the ability to reread and analyze these books on their own and be able to articulate the major and minor arguments made to support the overall argument.
- Students will be able to ask probing and pertinent questions about any material that they do not understand, or ideas that confuse them, or viewpoints with which they disagree.
- Students will realize that all questions are good questions (with the exception of: “What did we do last class?”).
- Students will learn to write essays that contain clear, convincing, grammatically correct arguments.

Required/Recommended Texts:

Heidegger, *Basic Writings*. Ed. David Farrell Krell. Harper.
Derrida, *On Cosmopolitanism and Forgiveness*. Routledge.
Horkheimer, *Eclipse of Reason*. Continuum/Bloomsbury.
Kristeva, *Strangers to Ourselves*. Columbia.
Badiou, *Ethics: An Essay on the Understanding of Evil*. Verso.

Course Assessment

First paper (approx. 1200-1500 words): 30% – due **Thurs, February 14th** at the beginning of class.

In-class test (Open book): 30% – **Thurs, March 21st**.

- The in-class test **must** be written on this date unless documentation is provided.

Take-home Exam Essay (approx. 1500-1800 words): 40% – due **Fri, April 12th** in the drop box, 12th Floor of Social Sciences.

Grades will be calculated as follows:

F = 0-50

D = 54

D+ = 58

C- = 62

C = 65

C+ = 68

B- = 72

B = 75

B+ = 78

A- = 82

A = 85

A+ = 90

Final Grades will be assigned according to the ranges

F = 0-50

D = 50-56.9

D+ = 57-59.9

C- = 60-62.9

C = 63-66.9

C+ = 67-69.9

B- = 70-72.9

B = 73-76.9

B+ = 77-79.9

A- = 80-82.9

A = 83-86.9

A+ = 87-100

Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work. For further explanation, see the University Calendar: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>

There will be NO Registrar Scheduled Final Examination.

The final take-home exam essay must be handed directly to me or placed in the Department Dropbox on 12th floor of the Social Sciences Building by 4:00 pm on the due date.

Late and emailed papers will not be accepted.

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense, the penalty for which will be an F on the assignment or an F in the course, and possibly a disciplinary sanction such as probation, suspension, or expulsion. See the relevant section K.5 on 'Academic Misconduct' in the current University Calendar <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-5.html>.

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

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their instructor.

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is UCalgary's online learning management system. Important information and communications about this course may be posted on D2L. Go to <https://ucalgary.service-now.com/it> for help.

General Academic Concerns and Program Planning

Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Drop in at SS102, call 403-220-3580, or email ascarts@ucalgary.ca . Advisors in the ASC can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. Visit the Faculty of Arts website at <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/advising> for detailed 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 Undergraduate Advisors. David Dick – Undergraduate Program Director (dgdick@ucalgary.ca), Megan Delehanty – Honors Advisor (mdelehan@ucalgary.ca) or Allen Habib (anhabib@ucalgary.ca).

Registration Overload/Prerequisite Waivers

If you are seeking to register in a Philosophy course that is full or to get permission to waive the prerequisites for a course, email the Philosophy Department Undergraduate Program Administrator (UPA), Rebecca Lesser (rebecca.lesser@ucalgary.ca). Include the specific course information and your UCID number in your request.

Writing

All written assignments (including, although to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented. Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services and other Student Success Centre Services, located on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library. Writing Support Services assist with a variety of assignments, from essays to lab reports. Students can book 30-minute one-on-one appointments online, sign up for 15- minute drop-in appointments, and register for a variety of writing workshops. For more information on this and other Student Success Centre services, please visit www.ucalgary.ca/ssc .

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 or teaching assistant.

Internet and Electronic Communication Devices

The instructor reserves the right to establish course policies regarding the use of devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartbooks. If allowed, these devices must be used exclusively for instructional purposes and must not cause disruption to the instructor or to fellow students. Cell phones and paging devices should be set to silent mode during lectures. Audio or video recording of lectures is not permitted without the written permission of the instructor. Students violating this policy are subject to discipline under the University of Calgary's Non-Academic Misconduct policy

Emergency Evacuation:

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints> . Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

Other Helpful Contacts

- Safewalk and Campus Security: 403-220-5333.
- Faculty of Arts Student Representatives: 403-220-6552, arts1@su.ucalgary.ca ,
arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
- Student Union: <https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>; 403-220-6551.
- Student Ombudsman: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>
- Campus Mental Health Strategy: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>