



UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 317 Lec 01
“Philosophy and Film”
Winter Term 2015

Course Outline

Lectures: M 3:00-5:45 ST 130; Lab: F 10-11:50 MS 117

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Course Description

This course will look at issues in personal identity and in gender and gender identity. We will begin with classic questions about personal identity that ask about the criterion for considering someone the same person across time and will locate that question in the context of what would count as immortality of a person. This will occupy approximately the first 4 weeks of the course. We will then segue to issues of gender identity where we will consider issues arising about transgender, femininity and masculinity. This will occupy about 2/3 of the course. In addition to philosophical readings, we will be using films to help make more concrete and relevant philosophical issues.

This course has both lecture and lab to allow time to watch the films. Most weeks we will watch the films on Monday and discuss the philosophical issues arising from the films and from the readings on Fridays (that is, we will reverse the posted order of lecture and lab).

Required Texts

- John Perry, *A Dialogue on Personal Identity and Immortality*, Hackett Publishing Company, 1978
- There will also be required articles posted on D2L

Course Requirements

Short paper on Personal Identity	25%
▪ 3-4 pages: due Feb 13	
Short paper on Gender	25%
▪ 3-4 pages: due March 20	
Final project	45%
▪ Normally a term paper 7-8 pages;	
▪ Students may, with permission, submit non-paper project.	
▪ Due: April 17	
Participation	5%

- Participation credit is earned primarily through participating via D2L.
- I will post weekly questions on the reading and on the philosophical themes in the films. For full participation credit, students are required to submit two posts per week for ten of the 13 weeks. One of these can be a response to another student's post. The posts should be substantive paragraph length posts. However all active participation will be counted for credit and substantial in-class participation will be considered where a student is short on posts. That is, a greater number of shorter posts can compensate for a lack of longer posts.
- Responses on D2L must be posted by noon on Thursdays in order to count for credit.
- Active participation will also be used to decide on whether to move up borderline final grades.

There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam.

All requirements except the participation must be passed in order to pass the class.

Evaluation of writing is an important component of the grade in this class.

Late assignments:

Late assignments will be penalized at the rate of 5% per day unless documented medical or other reasons are presented. Postings to D2L must be submitted by noon on Thursdays to count for participation credit; late postings will receive no credit.

Letter Grade Conversion Table

A+	97 –100 %	C+	67-69.9 %
A	92-96.9 %	C	64-66.9 %
A-	86-91.9 %	C-	60-63.9 %
B+	80-85.9 %	D+	55-59.9 %
B	75-79.9 %	D	50-54.9 %
B-	70-74.9 %	F	0- 49.9 %

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.

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