



FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 325 Lec 01 – “Law and Morality”**

**Fall Term 2012**

**Course Outline**

**Lectures:** T/R 9:30-10:45 in ST 128

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**Course Description**

This is a survey course in the philosophy of law. It will cover issues in the foundations of legal authority, the nature of the law, the relationship between law and morality, theories of jurisprudence more generally, theories of statutory interpretation, and theories of punishment.

**Required Text**

Susan Dimock, *Classic Readings and Cases in the Philosophy of Law*.

**Assignments and Dates**

The final grade will be determined on the basis of two papers, a mid-term exam, and a final (in-class) 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 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 (12<sup>th</sup> floor, Social Sciences Building).

Mid-term Exam in class <b>Thursday, October 13</b>	20%
Paper 1 due <b>Thursday, October 27</b>	35%
Paper 2 due <b>Tuesday, December 4</b>	35%
Final Exam in class <b>Thursday, December 6</b>	10%

**Late Policy**

Late work will be accepted on a case-by-case basis, although usually subject to some penalty.

**Marking Scheme**

I will use letter grades, from D to A+, on all assignments. The final grade will be assessed by using the GPA equivalents, with the following distribution:

A+=4.3, A=4.0, A-=3.7, B+=3.3, B=3.0, B-=2.7, C+=2.3, C=2.0, C-=1.7, D+=1.3, D=1.0, F=0

So, for example, a student who received a B on the first paper, an A- on the first exam, a B+ on the second paper and a B+ on the final would receive a final grade of B+  $((3.0 \times 0.35) = 1.05 + (3.7 \times 0.20) = 0.74 + (3.3 \times 0.35) = 1.15 + (3.3 \times 0.10) = 0.33) = 3.27$ , rounded up to 3.3 is a B+. GPA scores will be calculated to 1 decimal place.

### **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.

### **STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVES**

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### **FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT**

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial FOIP Act in all aspects of its operations as a publicly funded institution. 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.

### **SAFEWALK**

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#### **PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT**

The Department of Philosophy is located on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Social Sciences Building and on the web at [www.phil.ucalgary.ca](http://www.phil.ucalgary.ca)

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