



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 325 Lec 01 – “Law and Morality”

Fall Term 2015

Course Outline

Lectures: Tue/Thurs 2:00-3:15 in Trailer B (TRB) 102

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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 (12th floor, Social Sciences Building).

Mid-term Exam in class Thursday, October 8	20%
Paper 1 due Thursday, October 29	35%
Paper 2 due Thursday, December 3	35%
Final Exam in class Tuesday, December 8	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.

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

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services. SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For more information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>. Students who require accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their instructor. The full policy on student accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is the University of Calgary's online learning management system. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/it/services/d2l> for help.

Student Advising and Information Resources

- 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/undergraduate> 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 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 or teaching assistant.

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

The Department of Philosophy is located on the 12th floor of the Social Sciences Building and on the web at www.phil.ucalgary.ca

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