



UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 325 Lec 01 - "Law and Morality"
Summer Term 2015**

Course Outline

Lectures: Tues/Thurs 09:00-11:45, in ST 128

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Course Description

This is an introductory course in the philosophy of law, with an emphasis on the relationship between morality and law. We will cover issues in the foundations of legal authority, the nature of the law, theories of obligation, blame and punishment, and the rule of law. In the last section of the course we will explore the topics of freedom of speech and war and terrorism.

Required Texts

Law and Morality, Readings in Legal Philosophy (Third Edition), David Dyzenhaus, Sophia Reibetanz Moreau, and Arthur Ripstein (editors), University of Toronto Press, 2007. ISBN: 978-0-8020-9489-6

Additional readings and other resources will be posted on the D2L site for this class.

Available at: <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/>

Course Assignments and dates

The final grade will be determined on the basis of 5 short (1-2 page) reflections of assigned daily readings, a mid-term exam, term paper (4-5 page), and a take home final exam consisting of 2 essay questions (2-3 page each). There will be no Registrar scheduled final exam for this course.

Mid-term Exam in class Tuesday, July 21	30%
5 short reading reflections, due before the end of term	10%
Term paper, due Tuesday, August 4	30%
Take home final, distributed in class Thursday, August 13, due Monday, August 17	30%

Reading reflections are detailed analyses of a single argument or idea in an assigned reading, no longer than one page single-spaced (or two pages double-spaced). Reflections are due *in class* at the *beginning of class* on the date listed in the reading list for the chosen reading. You must submit five reflections during the duration of the course, but only one per class. For example, if there are three assigned readings for one class, you may only submit one reading reflection – not three.

The term paper and take home final will be submitted via D2L by midnight of the relevant due date, i.e. the term paper is due via D2L by 11:59pm on August 4, and the take home final is due via D2L by 11:59pm on August 17.

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

Grading Method

I will use letter grades, from F 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 an A on the reading reflections, an A- on the mid-term exam, a B+ on the term paper and a B+ on the final exam would receive a final grade of B+ $((4.0 \times 0.10) = 0.40 + (3.7 \times 0.30) = 1.11 + (3.3 \times 0.30) = 0.99 + (3.3 \times 0.30) = 0.99) = 3.49$, rounded up to 3.5 is a B+. GPA scores will be calculated to 1 decimal place.

Course Policies

Late Assignments

Students are expected hand in all assignments by the due date. Late work will be accepted on a case-by-case basis, although usually subject to penalty. Where no alternative arrangements have been made, late assignments will be penalized at the rate of 1/3 letter grade per day (24 hours). For example, a term paper due at 11:59pm on Tuesday, handed in at 11:59pm on Thursday will be counted as 2 days late and penalized 2/3 of a letter grade. Accordingly, a B+ paper will be given the grade of B-.

A make-up exam will only be considered in extraordinary circumstances and I will ask for appropriate documentation. You must make every effort to contact me by email (sasmi@ucalgary.ca) prior to the exam.

How to Contact Me

You can see me during my office hours or make an appointment to see me at some other time. If you wish to make an appointment, e-mail is the most efficient means. Please give me two or three options as to when you are available. For all email communication, include the course number 'Phil325' in the subject line. I also welcome your feedback about any aspect of the course – it is important for me to know how you think things are going, and to be flexible enough to adjust to your needs.

D2L

I will use the web-based D2L system to post the class schedule, reading list, relevant lecture information, and additional assigned readings. I will use the email function to send out important notices. Therefore, please make sure your email address in D2L is current. If you are unfamiliar with D2L, please refer to <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/home/students>.

Recording Lectures

The use of any audio and/or visual devices to record lectures is prohibited without my prior permission. For further explanation, see the University Calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-6.html>

Plagiarism

Plagiarism will not be tolerated. Any instance of plagiarism will be reported to the Faculty of Arts and I will assign an F for the course or the assignment. For further explanation, see the University Calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k-2.html>

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 Faculty of Arts' Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts. Drop in at SS110, call 403-220-3580, or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. Advisors in the PIC Office 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/undersgraduate> 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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