



FACULTY OF HUMANITIES
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 325 Lec 01 – “Law and Morality”
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Course Outline

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Office Hours: Mondays and Fridays, 1100-1200

Class Time: MWF, 10:00-10:50

Location: Social Sciences, Room 541

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.

Text

Susan Dimock, *Classic Readings and Cases in the Philosophy of Law* (Pearson 2006).

Evaluation

There will be two medium length papers (5-7 pages), as well as a mid-term test and an (in-class) final exam. The papers will be worth 35% apiece, the mid-term 20% and the final 10%.

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 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.

Timetable of Marks

The mid-term exam will take place on **Friday, February 12th**, in class.

The first paper will be due **Friday, February 26th**

The second paper will be due **Friday, April 9th**

The final exam will take place on **Friday, April 16th**, in class.

There will not be a Registrar-scheduled final exam in this course.

Late Policy

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

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 is an extremely serious offence. 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, please 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 REPRESENTATIVE

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