



PHIL 325 Lec 1
“Law and Morality”
Winter Term 2018

Course Outline

Lectures: Mondays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 11:00 – 11:50 in MS 217

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Course Description

This course philosophically examines a portion of issues in the philosophy of law such as: What is the source and foundation of legal authority? What limits are there, if any, to legal authority? What is a law? What is the relationship, if any, between the law and morality? What legal limits to individual liberty are justified? What is the role integrity does or should play when judges make rulings on particular cases? What conditions must be met for an individual to be criminally responsible for their actions?

Prerequisites: None.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Broad knowledge of a selection issues, problems, traditions, and views in the philosophy of law.
- Ability to critically, fairly, clearly, thoughtfully, and charitably, state, explain, evaluate, and discuss basic arguments for various positions in the philosophy of law.
- Ability to communicate both oral and written arguments that are convincing, plausible, productive, and original in support of one’s own positions relating to questions in the philosophy of law.

Required/Recommended Texts (including electronic resources):

Culver, Keith C. and Giudice, Michael (2017) *Readings in the Philosophy of Law* (3rd Ed.). Peterborough, Ontario: Broadview Press.

Reading assignments will be communicated via e-mail and/or assigned in class.

Course Assessment

Participation

10%

The participation grade is based on regular and thoughtful participation in class discussions. Attendance alone does not count toward participation grade.

Three Papers (roughly 3-5 pages each, double spaced).

Paper topics will be given in class.

Paper One (Due in class Friday, February 16)

25%

Paper Two (Due in class Friday, March 16)

30%

Paper Three (Due in class Friday, April 13)

35%

There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam.

A passing grade is not required on any single assignment for a passing grade in the course.

Letter Grade Conversion Table

A letter grade will be assigned on the following number and letter grade scheme:

A+ 96-100	B+ 80-85.9	C+ 67-69.9	D+ 55-59.9
A 91-95.9	B 75-79.9	C 64-66.9	D 50-54.9
A- 86-90.9	B- 70-74.9	C- 60-63.9	F 0-49.9

Course Policies:

I expect students to attend class on time, with readings/assignments complete, and ready to participate in class discussion.

Papers must be hard copies and turned in on the day they are due in class unless communicated otherwise in class or via email. E-mailed and late papers are not accepted without prior arrangement.

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense, 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

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their instructor.

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is UCalgary's online learning management system. Important information and communications about this course may be posted on D2L. Go to <https://ucalgary.service-now.com/it> for help.

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 Undergraduate Advisors. Jeremy Fantl (jfantl@ucalgary.ca), Allen Habib (anhabib@ucalgary.ca), Megan Delehanty (mdelehan@ucalgary.ca).

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 Department Manager, Tram Nguyen (tram.nguyen1@ucalgary.ca). Include the specific course information and your UCID number in your request.

Writing

This course will include written assignments. Faculty policy directs that all written assignments (including, although to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented. Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services and other Student Success Centre Services, located on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library. Writing Support Services assist with a variety of assignments, from essays to lab reports. Students can book 30-minute one-on-one appointments online, sign up for 15- minute drop-in appointments, and register for a variety of writing workshops. For more information on this and other Student Success Centre services, please visit www.ucalgary.ca/ssc .

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.

Internet and Electronic Communication Devices

The instructor reserves the right to establish course policies regarding the use of devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartbooks. If allowed, these devices must be used exclusively for instructional purposes and must not cause disruption to the instructor or to fellow students. Cell phones and paging devices should be set to silent mode during lectures. Audio or video recording of lectures is not permitted without the written permission of the instructor. Students violating this policy are subject to discipline under the University of Calgary's Non-Academic Misconduct policy

Emergency Evacuation:

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints> . Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

Other Helpful Contacts

- Safewalk and Campus Security: 403-220-5333.
- Faculty of Arts Student Representatives: 403-220-6552, arts1@su.ucalgary.ca , arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
- Student Union: <https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>; 403-220-6551.
- Student Ombudsman: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>
- Campus Mental Health Strategy: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>