



UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 325 Lec 01

“Law and Morality”

Winter Term 2020

Course Outline

Lectures: Mon/Wed/Fri 12:00-12:50 in Science Theatres rm 126

Online only as of March 16, 2020

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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.

Prerequisites:

None

Course Learning Outcomes

- **Broad knowledge of diverse philosophical issues, problems, traditions, and views;**
- **Ability to critically digest, interpret, and analyze complex sources;**
- **Ability to write a convincing argument that takes adequate account of alternative positions;**
- **Ability to engage in constructive, respectful, oral and written argumentation.**

Recommended Texts:

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

This is a collection of pieces that has most of our readings. You can get a used copy for relatively cheap on Amazon, it doesn't matter which edition you get.

You will be able to access electronic versions of the texts from the library's web site.

Course Assessment

There will be 4 mark points – 2 papers and 2 exams.

Papers

The papers will be standard research papers, at least 1200 words long (about 5 double spaced pages) with 2 references.

Exams

The exams will be a take-home one, and consist of short essay answers. The final will not be cumulative. The test will be delivered and submitted on D2L.

Assignments and Dates

The final grade will be determined on the basis of two papers, a mid-term exam, and a final (take-home) 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 either in the electronic drop-box on D2L for the course. or the physical 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 Friday, February 14th	20%
Paper 1 due Friday, March 6th	35%
Paper 2 due Monday, April 13th	35%
Final Exam Friday, April 10th	10%

Please screenshot the D2L submitted field or sent email when submitting work electronically in case of systems issues.

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 X 0.35) = 1.15 + (3.3 X 0.10) = 0.33) = 3.27, rounded up to 3.3 is a B+. GPA scores will be calculated to 1 decimal place.

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Academic Accommodations

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures. The student accommodation policy can be found at ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf.

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: ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/procedure-for-accommodations-for-students-with-disabilities.pdf. Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a protected ground other than disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their instructor.

Absence or Missed Course Assessments

Students who are absent from class assessments (tests, participation activities, or other assignments) should inform their instructors as soon as possible. Instructors may request that evidence in the form of documentation be provided. If the reason provided for the absence is acceptable, instructors may decide that any arrangements made can take forms other than make-up tests or assignments. For example, the weight of a missed grade may be added to another assignment or test. For information on possible forms of documentation, including statutory declarations, please see ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/m-1.html

Student Support and Resources

Full details and information about the following resources can be found at ucalgary.ca/Registrar/registration/course-outlines

- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success Centre
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Information
- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Safewalk

Academic Advising

If you are a student in the Faculty of Arts, you can speak to an academic advisor in the Arts Students' Centre about course planning, course selection, registration, program progression and more. Visit the Faculty of Arts website at arts.ucalgary.ca/advising for contact details and information regarding common academic concerns.

For questions specific to the philosophy program, please visit phil.ucalgary.ca. Further academic guidance is available by contacting David Dick (Undergraduate Program Director dgdick@ucalgary.ca) or Jeremy Fantl (Honours Advisor jfantl@ucalgary.ca). If you have questions regarding registration, please email Rebecca Lesser (Undergraduate Program Administrator phildept@ucalgary.ca).

Writing Assessment and Support

The assessment of all written assignments—and, to a lesser extent, written exam responses—is based in part on writing skills. This includes correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.), as well

as general clarity and organization. Research papers must include a thorough and accurate citation of sources. Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services for assistance (one-on-one appointments, drop-in support and writing workshops). For more information, and other services offered by the Student Success Centre, please visit ucalgary.ca/ssc.

Online Resources and Electronic Devices

Important information and communication about this course may be posted on D2L (Desire2Learn), UCalgary's online learning management system. Visit ucalgary.service-now.com/it for how-to information and technical assistance.

The instructor reserves the right to establish specific course policies regarding the use of electronic devices. If permitted, the use of devices must be exclusively for instructional purposes, and without disruption to the instructor or fellow students. 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.

Academic Misconduct/Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is as an extremely serious academic offense, the penalty for which will be an F on the assignment or an F in the course, and possibly a disciplinary sanction such as probation, suspension, or expulsion. For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html.

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 referencing, please consult your instructor.

University Policies

The Instructor Intellectual Property Policy is available at ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/Intellectual%20Property%20Policy.pdf

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act, as outlined at ucalgary.ca/legalservices/foip. The instructor (or TA) must return graded assignments *directly* to the student UNLESS written permission to do otherwise has been provided.

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/acceptable-use-of-material-protected-by-copyright.pdf) and requirements of the copyright act (laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html).