



UNIVERSITY OF  
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FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 345 Lec 1**  
**“Issues in Environmental Ethics”**  
**Fall Term 2016**

**Course Outline**

**Lectures: (Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00 – 3:15 SA 147)**

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**Course Description**

This course examines philosophical issues in environmental ethics, such as: Is the environment valuable for its own sake, or only as a means to the well-being of humans? Is the value of the environment based on humans valuing the environment? Does an anthropocentric ethic protect the environment adequately? Does the value of living beings depend on their capacities or potential? We will also consider arguments about the status of the environment in various Hindu texts and traditions.

**Required Texts**

All readings will be posted to D2L.

**Course Requirements**

Students will write three papers (3-5 pages each). Grades will be calculated as follows:

Paper One (Due Tuesday, Oct. 11)	25%
Paper Two (Due Tuesday, Nov. 8)	35%
Paper Three (Due Thursday, Dec. 8)	40%

There will be no Registrar scheduled final exam.  
All papers are due in class.  
A passing grade is not required on any single assignment.

**Letter Grade Conversion Table**

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 %

### **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](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf)

### **D2L Help**

Desire2Learn is UCalgary'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](mailto: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 (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 Department Manager, Merlette Schnell, [schnell@ucalgary.ca](mailto:schnell@ucalgary.ca).

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Social Sciences Building and on the web at [www.phil.ucalgary.ca](http://www.phil.ucalgary.ca)

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