

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
PHILOSOPHY 363 Lec 01
“Epistemology”
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Lectures: MWF 12 – 12:50

Required Text

Sosa, et al. (eds), *Epistemology: An Anthology*, Second Edition (Blackwell 2008).

Course Description

This course will examine a variety of issues in epistemology such as the analysis of the concept of knowledge, Cartesian skepticism, epistemological problems of perception, internalist versus externalist accounts of justification, foundationalism versus coherentism, and the naturalization of Epistemology. The final grade will be determined by three assignments, which will involve writing essays on assigned topics, and participation. Policy on late assignments: zero will be the assigned grade unless a university approved justification is provided.

Assignment 1	Given Sept. 26, Due Oct. 10	25 %
Assignment 2	Given Oct. 24, Due Nov. 7	30 %
Assignment 3	Given Nov. 21, Due Dec. 5	35 %
Participation		10 %

The first and second assignments will be submitted in class. The final assignment will be submitted into a drop-box located in the Department of Philosophy (12th floor Social Sciences Building) by 3:30 PM on the due date.

Letter Grade Conversion Table

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

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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