



UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 395 Lec 01
“Mind and World”
Fall Term 2014

Course Outline

Lectures: MWF 10-10:50 SA 109

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Course Description:

The aim of this course is to improve your skills in reading and writing philosophy. We will begin by reading Descartes *Meditation on First Philosophy* along with some of the objections and replies. While we will read a small amount of secondary literature at this point, the aim is to learn to read the text. This should take about 5 weeks. We will then read contemporary literature that picks up on some of the philosophical themes of the *Meditations* and at the same time we will reread parts of the *Meditations*. The course will be writing intensive and will include a substantial amount of short peer reviewed writing.

Required Texts

Rene Descartes, *Meditations on First Philosophy*, John Cottingham ed. Cambridge University Press

Other Readings will be made available on Desire2learn. There may be a course pack later in the semester (depending on how well posting to Desire2learn goes).

Course Requirements

There are 6 components required for this course. Each component must be passed in order to pass the course.

- Weekly glossary. **5%**
 - Due in class every Friday.
 - The glossary consists of a list of words from the reading that you had not previously encountered along with a definition.
- 8 short writing assignments and peer reviews of those assignments. **25%**
 - Due at the beginning of class on the following Fridays: Sept 19, 26, Oct 3, 17, 31, Nov 7, 21, 28.
 - Peer reviews will be due the Wednesday following the submission of the written assignment. You must hand an essay in during class in order to be able to do the peer review in any given week. These may be handed in during class or in the drop box in the Philosophy Department by 4 pm.
- Library skills assignment. **5%**
 - Due Friday October 10 by 4 pm electronically in the Desire2learn drop box.

- Short Paper (approximately 3 pages or 1000 wds). **20%**
 - Due Friday October 24 in class or by 4 pm in the drop box in the Philosophy Department.
- Final paper plus paper proposal and bibliography. **35%**
 - Proposal and Bibliography are due Friday November 14 in class or by 4pm in the drop box in the Philosophy Department. The proposal will not receive a separate grade but the paper grade will be penalized by 10% if the proposal and bibliography are not handed in by the due date.
 - The paper is due December 5 in class or by 4 pm in the drop box in the Philosophy Department.
- Participation **10%**
 - Students are expected to come to class prepared to discuss the assigned readings and to contribute to discussion of the readings.

There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam.

Late assignments will be docked 5% per day except where permission has been arranged in cases of illness or family emergency etc.

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 %

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

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a permanent disability or temporary impairment who may require academic accommodation, you must first register with the Student Accessibility Resource Office located in MacEwan Student Centre 452; phone 403-220-8237; email access@ucalgary.ca. Students who have not registered with the Student Accessibility Office are not eligible for 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. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/> for further information.

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is the University of Calgary's learning management system which has now replaced BlackBoard. Go to <http://www.elearn.ucalgary.ca/desire2learn/> for help in using Desire2Learn.

Student Advising and Information Resources

- General Academic Concerns and Program Planning– Have a question but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts' Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts. Drop in at SS110, call 403-220-3580, or email artsads@ucalgary.ca. Advisors in the PIC Office can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. You can visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undersgraduate> 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 current 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 instructor of the course.

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.

Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representatives

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial, and confidential support for students who require assistance or advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. For more information, see www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds. For the Students' Union Faculty of Arts rep: arts1@ucalgary.ca.

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.

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