



UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 395 Lec 01
"Mind and World"

Fall 2016

Course Outline

Lectures: TR 11-12:15 ST055

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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. This should take about 5-6 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.

Course Requirements

Peer-Review Writing: 30%

Peer review writing will be graded pass/fail. There will be five of them assigned, each worth 6% The peer review writing consists of 5 components. (1) The original piece of writing (500-800 words). (2) review of a peer's writing (3) review of your own written piece and (4) a rewrite after meeting with the TA and (5) an assessment of how your writing has improved between the two drafts. All five components must be completed for a pass. Peer review writings will be due on these Thursdays: Sept 22, October 6, October 20, November 3 and November 24. The peer review is to be brought to class where you will swap with a peer. You then complete an evaluation of your peer's paper and an evaluation of your own paper. The following week you must meet with the TA and then rewrite your original draft and then complete an assessment of the improvements in your own writing from the first to the second draft. All five items are due in class the following Thursday (except for November 10 which is a holiday so the rewrite and evaluations from the November 3 submission is to be handed in Tuesday November 15).

Glossary: 10%

A glossary is a list of at least 6 words that you encountered in the reading that are new to you or are being used in an unfamiliar or technical context or whose meaning you lack a precise grasp of etc. along with a definition for each

of these words. These are worth 1 point each and you must complete 10 of them for full marks. These are due at the beginning of class on Tuesdays beginning September 20. The last day for submitting a glossary assignment is Tuesday December 6

Thesis statement Assignment: 5%

The thesis statement will be graded pass/fail. It is due at the beginning of class September 27. There will be an in-class exercise based on the thesis statement. You must participate in the in-class activity as well as submit the thesis statement to pass. (Half marks will be assigned if only one half is completed).

Thesis plus annotated bibliography: 15%

Due in class Tuesday November 8 or in the dropbox in the Philosophy Department (SS 12th floor) prior to 4 pm.

Term paper: 40%

The term paper consists of two parts:

(1) A proposal, which contains a thesis statement, an indication of the lines of argument that will be used in developing the thesis and an annotated bibliography for the paper. This portion is due Tuesday, November 22 in class or in the drop box in the Philosophy Department (SS 12th floor) prior to 4 pm. The proposal is worth 10% of your paper grade.

(2) A term paper of 2300-2600 words (roughly 7-8 pages) Due Friday December 9 in the dropbox in the Philosophy department.

There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam

Late assignment policy

Peer review assignments and glossaries will not be accepted late except under extraordinary circumstances. Other assignments may be late for medical or other reasons provided that documentation is provided and permission asked in advance (where possible). In the absence of documented and approved reasons these assignments will be docked 5% per day late.

Letter Grade Conversion Table

A+	97 –100 %	C+	70-74.9 %
A	92-96.9 %	C	65-69.9 %
A-	88-91.9 %	C-	60-64.9 %
B+	84-87.9 %	D+	55-59.9 %
B	80--83.9 %	D	50-54.9 %
B-	75-79.9 %	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

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. 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.

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

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