



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
Department of Philosophy

PHIL 395 Lecture 01
“Mind and World”
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Course Outline

Lectures
TR 14-15:15 ST 055

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Course Description:

The aim of this course is to improve your skills in reading and in 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.

Prerequisites:

Second year standing in Philosophy

Required Texts

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

Other Readings will be made available on D2L.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Write and rewrite a short paper with a clear thesis
- Read historical and contemporary texts
- Acquire the habit of using a dictionary when reading
- Make use of library resources for research
- Write a bibliography
- Evaluate the writing of peers
- Write an argumentative research paper

Course Requirements

Peer Review Writing: 40%

There will be four peer review writings assigned, each worth 10%. The peer review writing consists of 5 components.

1. A short paper (500-800 words)
2. Review of a peer's writing
3. Review of your own written piece
4. A rewrite after meeting with the TA and
5. An assessment of how your writing has improved between the two drafts.

Each component is worth 2 points for a total of 10 points. You are expected to have your original paper ready by the due date to swap with a peer. It is your responsibility to ensure that you swap papers with a classmate.

Peer review assignments are due on the following dates

- First drafts due: January 18, February 8, March 1 and March 22. These must be brought to class unless prior arrangements are made for online swapping.
- Review of your peer must be given to them no later than one week after the due date of the paper: January 25, February 15, March 8 and March 29. This can be done in class or you can arrange an electronic exchange.
- The entire assignment (consisting of the original paper, the review of your peer, the review of yourself, your rewrite and your assessment of your improvement) is due 2 weeks after the original deadline: February 1, February 27 (later because of reading week) March 15 and April 5. These are due in class or in the drop box in the philosophy department prior to 4 pm

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 January 16. The last day for submitting a glossary assignment is Tuesday April 10.

Two term papers: 50%

- The first paper (1500-2000 words) on Descartes is due March 8. Worth 20%. Due in class or in the drop box in the philosophy department prior to 4 pm
- The second paper (2300-2700 words) on Descartes or on a contemporary issue that we have covered is due Monday April 16. Worth 30%. The final paper is to be handed in on D2L by 4 pm.
 - You must hand in a statement of your research question and a thesis for your paper plus a bibliography for the paper by Thursday March 29th. This component is due in class or in the drop box in the philosophy department prior to 4 pm.

Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work. For further explanation, see the University Calendar: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>

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 %

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense, 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

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

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 <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their instructor.

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is UCalgary's online learning management system. Important information and communications about this course may be posted on D2L. Go to <https://ucalgary.service-now.com/it> for help.

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. Jeremy Fantl (jfantl@ucalgary.ca), Allen Habib (anhabib@ucalgary.ca), Megan Delehanty (mdelehan@ucalgary.ca).

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, Tram Nguyen (tram.nguyen1@ucalgary.ca). Include the specific course information and your UCID number in your request.

Writing

This course will include written assignments. Faculty policy directs that all written assignments (including, although to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented. Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services and other Student Success Centre Services, located on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library. Writing Support Services assist with a variety of assignments, from essays to lab reports. Students can book 30-minute one-on-one appointments online, sign up for 15-minute drop-in appointments, and register for a variety of writing workshops. For more information on this and other Student Success Centre services, please visit www.ucalgary.ca/ssc.

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.

Internet and Electronic Communication Devices

The instructor reserves the right to establish course policies regarding the use of devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartbooks. If allowed, these devices must be used exclusively for instructional purposes and must not cause disruption to the instructor or to fellow students. Cell phones and paging 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

Emergency Evacuation:

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>. Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

Other Helpful Contacts

- Safewalk and Campus Security: 403-220-5333.
- Faculty of Arts Student Representatives: 403-220-6552, arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca
- Student Union: <https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>; 403-220-6551.
- Student Ombudsman: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>
- Campus Mental Health Strategy: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>