



FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

## PHIL 397 Lec 01 – “Value Theory”

Fall Term 2015

### Course Outline

Lectures: Monday, Wednesday, Friday 12:00 – 12:50, MS 205

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#### ***Course Description***

Among the many sorts of moral appraisal are appraisals of moral blameworthiness and moral praiseworthiness, or briefly, appraisals of moral responsibility. It is widely believed that the truth of such appraisals presupposes freedom. For example, an agent cannot be blameworthy for doing something unless she did it freely. In this course, we will explore central, proposed accounts of the freedom responsibility requires. We will also discuss the issue of whether responsibility is important or valuable.

#### ***Required Texts***

*Text: Incompatibilism's Allure: Principal Arguments of Incompatibilism*, by Ish Haji.

Students will be supplied with a list of papers. Each of these papers is available online in journals or in other venues to which our University Library subscribes. Links to the papers will be posted on D2L.

#### ***Evaluation***

(1) Three (final) essays. The first (4-5 page) paper will be worth 30% of the final grade. The second and third (4-5 page) papers will each be worth 35% of the final grade. Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in evaluation. Writing should be clear, coherent, and to the point.

(2) Three Rough Drafts: for each essay you will write a (1-2 page) draft which will be reviewed by at least one of your classmates. Some of you may have your drafts workshopped by the class as a whole. These drafts are not graded, although a missing draft will reduce the grade of your final corresponding essay. (See the policy on late assignments below.)

Tentative Assignment Dates:

First essay draft: Friday, Oct. 2.

First (final) essay: Friday, Oct. 9.

Second essay draft: Friday, Oct. 30.

Second (final) essay: Friday, Nov. 6.

Third essay draft: Monday, Nov. 30.

Third (final) essay: Monday, Dec. 7.

(3) Class Participation: you are expected to be an active participant in class discussions. Read the course material and have questions and comments ready.

(4) There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam.

(5) There will be *no* provisions for “extra-credit.” A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a pass in the course as a whole.

### **Grading Method**

Each paper will be assigned a letter grade. The student’s overall grade for the course will be an average of the student’s letter grades on the student’s papers. Letter grades will be averaged by using GPA numerical equivalents as outlined in the University Calendar.

### **Policy on Late Assignments**

No unexcused late final essays or drafts will be accepted without official and adequate documentation. Missing final essays will receive an “F” (a numerical score of zero). Each missing essay draft will reduce the grade of the final corresponding essay by two whole letter grades.

### **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 additional information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>. Students who require an 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 the University of Calgary’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 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 or teaching assistant.

#### **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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