



FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 405 – “A 17<sup>th</sup> or 18<sup>th</sup> Century Philosopher”**

**Lecture 01 Topic 1: “Hume”**

**Winter Term 2011**

**Lectures: TTh 12:30 pm ST 125**

**Course Outline**

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Hume describes himself in his *Treatise on Human Nature* as aiming to develop a “science of man” using an experimental method. Just as Newton developed an experimental science of the natural world, Hume aims to develop an experimental account of the human mind. In this course we will look at how Hume’s account of the mind is displayed in his development of various philosophical positions including knowledge, causation, personal identity, free will, virtue and justice. The primary text will be the *Treatise* which will be supplemented by secondary readings from the Cambridge Companion and from journals.

**Texts:**

*A Treatise of Human Nature*, David Fate Norton and Mary J. Norton, eds. Oxford University Press 2000

*The Cambridge Companion to Hume, 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition*, David Fate Norton and Jacqueline Taylor, eds.  
Cambridge University Press, 2009

These will be supplemented by journal articles. Links to articles will be posted on Blackboard.

**Course requirements:**

Participation and Attendance 10%

In class midterm February 17 10%

Term paper in 2 drafts

- First draft 10 % Due March 17 by 4 pm.
- Second draft 40% Due April 12 by 4 pm

Take Home Final 30% Due April 22 by 4 pm

All term assignments are due in class or in the drop box in the philosophy department before 4 pm. The take home final is due in the drop box in the philosophy department by 4 pm on April 22.

Late take home exams will not be accepted. A student who is unable to hand in the take home final by the due date must apply for a deferral of term work. Other term assignments will be penalized at the rate of 3% per day except where the student has adequate reason for being late.

The attendance and participation grade will be determined as follows. Students who attend 100 % of the time and are prepared to answer when called on or who contribute without being called on will receive 10 points. Students who attend 90% of the time and who are prepared to answer when called on or who contribute without being called on will receive 9 points. Students who attend 80% of the time and who are prepared to answer when called on or who contribute without being called on will receive 80% etc. Points will be given in .5 increments and will be rounded up or down as needed. For instance, a student who attended 94% of the time and was prepared to be called upon or who contributed without being called upon would receive 9.5 points and a student who attended 92 % of the time and who prepared to answer when called upon or who contributed without being called upon would receive 9 points out of 10. Any student signed in as present for a given class and but not called upon for that class will be counted as having been prepared to be called upon. Students must sign the attendance sheet each class in order to be counted as present for that class. In order to be counted as prepared to be called or contributing without being called upon, students must be either present and not called on, called on and able to respond, or contribute without being called on.

Grading scale: (%)

98-100	A+	65-69	C+
90-97	A	60-64	C
85-89	A-	56-59	C-
80-84	B+	53-55	D+
75-79	B	50-52	D
70-74	B-	Below 50	F

## **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 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, 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 REPRESENTATIVES**

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