



UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
FACULTY OF ARTS
Department of Philosophy

PHIL 405.1 Lec 01
A 17th or 18th Century Philosopher
“Hume”

Winter Term 2018

Course Outline

Lectures: TR 11-12:15 in EDC 284

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Course Description

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 the model of Newton, employing a minimal ontology and a small number of associative principles. In this course we will focus primarily on Hume’s account of causation, external existence, personal identity and free will. We may also look briefly at some of his writing on the passions and on ethics and justice.

Prerequisites:

Two previous courses in Philosophy, one of which must be Philosophy 301, 303, 305, 307, 309 or 311.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Ability to read critically and interpret historical text
- In-depth knowledge of Hume’s philosophical system
- Ability to write short summaries of a piece of text
- Ability to engage in discussion with peers
- Ability to write a critical paper interpreting a historical text

Required Texts:

A Treatise of Human Nature, edited by Fate Norton and Mary J. Norton, Oxford University Press 2000
Other readings will be provided on D2L as needed

Course Assessment

Participation: 10%

Students are expected to come to class prepared and to share their reading summaries when called upon to do so.

Reading summaries: 30%

You must do five of these. Students will be divided into two groups and the due dates will be alternate Tuesdays for each group (**starting on Tuesday January 16**). Must be brought to class on due date and must be handed in at the end of the class.

Take Home Midterm: 20% Due on D2L **Tuesday March 8**.

Term Paper: (3500-4000 words) 40%

Due **Monday April 16**

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

Reading summaries 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 prereq 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/>