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DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

## Philosophy 423 Lec 01 – Metaphysics

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### Course Outline

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### **Course Description**

This course offers a study of some of the major themes in contemporary metaphysics. Topics include ontology, identity, modality, and persistence.

### **Required Text**

Jaegwon Kim, Daniel Z. Korman, Ernest Sosa, *Metaphysics*, Second Edition

### **Evaluation**

There will be two take-home assignments and an in-class test. The first assignment will be weighted 40%, the second assignment will be weighted 50%, and the in-class test will be weighted 10% of the final mark. No late coursework will be accepted under normal circumstances. There will be no Registrar-scheduled final examination. The following table will be used to calculate letter grades from the final marks:

0-45% F	56-60% C-	71-75% B-	86-90% A-
45-50% D	61-65% C	76-80% B	91-95% A
51-55% D+	66-70% C+	81-85% B+	96-100% A+

### **Schedule of Assignments and Tests**

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Given On</b>	<b>Due On</b>
#1	February 9	February 23
#2	March 22	April 5
<b>In-Class Test</b>	<b>Held On</b>	
	April 12	

### **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](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf)

### **D2L Help**

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### **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.

### **Safewalk**

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#### **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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