



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 425 Lec 01 – “Philosophy of Law”

Winter Term 2012

Course Outline

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Lectures: MWF 12:00-12:50, SS 541
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Texts:

H. L. A. Hart, *The Concept of Law* 2nd edition.
Ronald Dworkin, *Law's Empire*.

Other readings will be assigned from journals and collections, but will be available online.

Course Description:

This is an upper level course in the philosophy of law. It will cover traditional theories of jurisprudence in some detail, especially those from the 19th Century onwards. We will also cover some issues in contemporary legal theory, in particular issues of resource and land ownership. The class will be run as a seminar, and students will be expected to prepare and present both critical summaries of the reading as well as versions of their term papers in class.

Evaluation:

There will be a mid-term exam worth 20% of the final grade; a term paper (8-12 pages) worth 35%; 5 short (1 page) summary critiques of readings each worth 5%; and a take-home final exam worth 20%.

Due Dates:

The mid-term exam will take place on **Wednesday, February 15th**, in class.

The term paper will be due **Wednesday, April 11th**

The final exam will be handed out on **Monday, April 9th**, and will be due on **Friday, April 13th** (last day of class).

Students are responsible for submitting the 5 short summaries before the end of the semester.

There will be NO Registrar-scheduled exam for this course.

Late Policy:

Late work will be accepted on a case-by-case basis, although usually subject to some penalty.

Grading Scheme:

I assign letter grades in the following manner –

97-100% = A+	87-89 = B+	77-79 = C+	67-69 = D+
93-96 = A	83-86 = B	73-76 = C	60-66 = D
90-92 = A-	80-82 = B-	70-72 = C-	0 – 59 = 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.

FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING & STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts. Drop in at SS110, phone 403-220-3580 or email at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre at 403-220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.
- Email Contact Addresses for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:
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