



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 525 – Advanced Topics in Philosophy of Law
Lec 01, Topic 1- “The Authority of the Law”**

Fall Term 2010

Course Outline

Lectures: Thursday, 12:30 – 3:00 in EDC 156

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Course Description

This class is an upper level undergraduate seminar (jointly taught with a graduate seminar) in the philosophy of law. The central topic of the course will be the nature and structure of the authority of the law, and its related phenomena, e.g. the obligations (if any) we have to obey the law, the intersection between law and morality, the relationship between the authority of the law and that of the state, etc.

Required Texts

- *The Concept of Law*, H.L.A. Hart, Oxford (Clarendon), 1961
- *The Authority of the Law*, Joseph Raz, Oxford (Clarendon), 1979
- *Law's Empire*, Ronald Dworkin, Harvard (Belknap), 1986

Evaluation

Students will be graded on three sorts of assignments:

- Ten (10) weekly short (1-2 pp) précis of the assigned material, due at the beginning of each class
- A short (10 min) poster presentation, along with a written text for same, on some aspect of the course material due in class during the semester
- A 12-15 pp. term paper, due at the end of the semester

The précis will be worth 2% apiece, for a total of 20%; the poster 20% and the paper 60%. All three assignments will be graded on their writing quality as well as other aspects. There will be NO Registrar-scheduled final exam.

Grading Scale

95-100 = A+	78-80 = B+	68-70 = C+	58-60 = D+
85-94 = A	75-77 = B	65-67 = C	50-57 = D
81-84 = A-	71-74 = B-	61-64 = C-	< 50 = F

Policy on Late Assignments

Late assignments will be considered on a case-by-case basis with the TA instructors or me. If accepted late assignments may be subject to penalties, although no more than 1/3 of a letter grade per day.

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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FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

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