

Department of Philosophy
The University of Calgary

Philosophy 549 Lec 01 Topic 01
“Advanced Topics in Ethics: Hard Incompatibilism’s Costs”

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Course Outline

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Among the different sorts of normative appraisal are morally deontic appraisals concerning moral right, wrong, and obligation, axiological appraisals concerning good and evil, and responsibility appraisals concerning moral praiseworthiness and moral blameworthiness. In this course we examine the impact, if any, of freedom or its lack on the truth of judgements concerning these sorts of appraisal.

Texts:

I. Haji, *Incompatibilism's Allure: Principal Arguments for Incompatibilism*
(Broadview 2009) (U of C Bookshop)
Reading Packet (all papers are accessible on the Web)

Course Requirements:

Three 10-page papers, each weighted equally.

No late papers will be accepted.

Tentative Assignment Dates:

Paper 1	Thurs Oct. 8
Paper 2	Thurs Nov. 5
Paper 3	Tues Dec. 8

INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

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- *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.*

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