

THE UNIVERSITY OF CALGARY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 571 Lec 01

Advanced Topics in the Philosophy of Logic and Philosophy of Language
Topic 1: "The Logic and Metaphysics of Modality"

Fall 2009

Course Outline

(Offered jointly with PHIL 671)

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Course Description

This course will begin with an examination of objections raised by W. V. Quine against quantified modal logic and responses to these objections including those by Arthur Smullyan, David Kaplan, and John Burgess. This will be followed by a study of Saul Kripke's work on modality.

Required Reading

Saul Kripke, *Naming and Necessity*.

A Course Reading Pack will be placed on reserve in the Department of Philosophy Reading Room.

Evaluation

Course evaluation will be based on three take-home assignments. The first assignment for 25% of the final mark will be handed out on October 6 and it will be due on October 15. The second assignment for 35% of the final mark will be handed out on November 5 and it will be due on November 17. The third assignment for 40% of the final mark will be handed out on November 19 and it will be due on December 8. There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam. Late term work will not be accepted under normal circumstances. The following table will be used to convert numerical grades into letter grades:

A+	96-100	B+	81-85	C+	66-70	D+	51-55
A	91-95	B	76-80	C	61-65	D	46-50
A-	86-90	B-	71-75	C-	56-60	F	0-45

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 is an extremely serious offence. 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, please 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 REPRESENTATIVE

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