



FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 597 Lec 01 – “Honours Seminar”**

**Fall Term 2012**

**Course Outline**

**Lectures: W 9:00-11:30 in SS 1253**

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***Course Description***

The course, in conjunction with your Honours Supervisor, will guide you through the development of an idea for your Honours Thesis, the preparation of a project description and bibliography, and the presentation of your project to the rest of the class.

***Evaluation***

- Project presentation, to be conducted in one of 5 class meetings from November 7<sup>th</sup> through December 5<sup>th</sup>, worth 20% of the grade.
- Reading presentation, to be conducted in one of 4 class meetings from October 3<sup>rd</sup> through October 31<sup>st</sup>, worth 20% of the grade.
- Initial project description and bibliography, due October 3<sup>rd</sup>, worth 10% of the grade.
- Final project description and bibliography, due December 12<sup>th</sup>, worth 30% of the grade.
- Progress on thesis project, as determined by consultation with thesis supervisor, worth 20% of the grade.
- There will NOT be a Registrar-scheduled final exam.

***Grading Method***

Letter Grades translate to numerical values according to the following scheme:

A+: 98.33	B+: 88.33	C+: 78.33	D+: 68.33	F: 55
A+/A: 96.67	B+/B: 86.67	C+/C: 76.67	D+/D: 66.67	
A: 95	B: 85	C: 75	D: 65	
A-/A-: 93.33	B-/B-: 83.33	C-/C-: 73.33	D-/D-: 63.33	
A-: 91.67	B-: 81.67	C-: 71.67	D-: 61.67	
A-/B+: 90	B-/C+: 80	C-/D+: 70		

Final Grades are computed by rounding to the nearest recognized letter grade.

### ***Policy on Late Assignments***

All unexcused late assignments will lose one full letter grade for each day the assignment is late, to a maximum of 4 full letter grades. Unexcused absence for your presentation will lose full credit for the presentation. Missing assignments receive a 0.

Date	Topic and Class Activity
9/12, Wed:	Intro
9/19, Wed:	Library Orientation Discuss Beasley, "Philosophy and the Illusions of Reflection"
9/26, Wed:	Discuss Wetmore, "An Historical and Comparative Look at the Problem of Evil" A Problem for Philosophy Discuss Haslanger, "Changing the Ideology and Culture of Philosophy: Not by Reason (Alone)"
10/3, Wed:	Reading Presentations
10/10, Wed:	Initial Project Description and Bibliography Due Reading Presentations
10/17, Wed:	Reading Presentations
10/24, Wed:	Reading Presentations
10/31, Wed:	Reading Presentations
11/7, Wed:	Presentations
11/14, Wed:	Presentations
11/21, Wed:	Presentations
11/28, Wed:	Presentations
12/5, Wed:	Presentations
12/12, Wed:	Final Project Description and Bibliography Due

### **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**

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial FOIP Act in all aspects of its operations as a publicly funded institution. 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.

### **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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