



**FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

PHIL 609.08 Lec 01 - "Topics in the History of Philosophy: Hume"

Fall Term 2013

Course Outline

Lectures: TR 14:00-15:15 EDC 384

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Course Description

This course will examine Hume's Moral and Political Philosophy. We will begin with a brief overview of Hume's theory of the mind and of the passions to locate his moral and political thinking within his broader philosophical framework. With that in place we will investigate Hume's account of morality and in particular his account of the artificial virtues that underwrite the political/legal system on his view. Finally we will use the understanding of Hume gained here to look at his views on a small number of topics which could include some of : politeness and civility; love and marriage; female chastity; national character and race; economic writings on issues such as luxury and trade.

Required Texts

David Hume, *A Treatise Concerning Human Nature*, David David Fate Norton and Mary J Norton eds., Oxford University Press, 2000.

David Hume, *An Enquiry Concerning Morals*, Tom L. Beauchamp ed., Clarendon Press, 2006

David Hume, *Essays Moral, Political and Literary*, Eugene F. Miller eds, Liberty Fund 1987

David Hume, *History of England*, available online here:

http://oll.libertyfund.org/?option=com_staticxt&staticfile=show.php%3Ftitle=1868

(In addition, some secondary sources will be posted on Blackboard as well perhaps as some on reserve in the Philosophy Department Library.)

Evaluation

- Weekly reading reports/discussion worth 30%.
Students will be assigned to either the Tuesday or the Thursday group and are responsible for doing a reading report for that day. Students are to be prepared to read out or discuss reports in class.
- Term Paper worth 70% (due December 11)

Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work for this course.

Every component of the course must be passed in order to receive a passing grade for the course.

There will be no Registrar scheduled final exam.

. Grading Method

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 negotiated individually. Where permission is not given, late assignments will be docked 5% per day.

Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment, an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw from the University. See the relevant sections on 'Academic Misconduct' in the current University Calendar. Intellectual honesty requires that your work include adequate referencing to sources. Plagiarism occurs when you do not acknowledge or correctly reference your sources. If you have questions about correct referencing, consult your instructor.

Academic Accommodation

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a permanent disability or temporary impairment who may require academic accommodation, you must first register with the Student Accessibility Resource Office located in MacEwan Student Centre 452; phone 403-220-8237; email access@ucalgary.ca. Students who have not registered with the Student Accessibility Office are not eligible for 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. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/> for further information.

Blackboard Help

Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/computersupport/online-services/blackboard> for Student Help and FAQs about Blackboard. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are available at <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/blackboard/students>.

Protection of Privacy

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. 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.