



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

Philosophy 623.2 Lec 01
Topics in Metaphysics: Identity and Time

Winter Term 2014

Course Outline

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Course Description

This course will offer a study of the logic of identity. It will address issues about identity and indiscernibility, the necessity and permanence of the identity relation, identity and indeterminacy, and identity and material composition.

Required Text

There is no required textbook for this course. The lectures, class discussion, and the assigned coursework will be based on the following selection of readings:

1. Cartwright, Richard "Identity and Substitutivity." in Milton K. Munitz, ed., *Identity and Individuation* (New York: New York University Press, 1971): 119-133.
2. Cartwright, Richard "Indiscernibility Principles." *Midwest Studies in Philosophy* 4 (1979): 293-306.
3. Kripke, Saul "Identity and Necessity." in Milton K. Munitz, ed., *Identity and Individuation* (New York: New York University Press, 1971): 135-164.
4. Evans, Gareth "Can There Be Vague Objects?" *Analysis* 38 (1979): 208
5. McGee, Vann "'Kilimanjaro'." *The Canadian Journal of Philosophy Supplementary Volume* 23 (1997): 141-196.
6. Salmon, Nathan "Identity Facts." in C. Hill, ed., *Philosophical Topics*, vol. 30, no. 1 (2002): 237-267.
7. Hovda, Paul "What is Classical Mereology?" *Journal of Philosophical Logic*, vol. 38, no.2, (2009): 55-82.
8. Cartwright, Richard "Scattered Objects." in Keith Lehrer, ed., *Analysis and Metaphysics* (Dordrecht: D. Reidel, 1995): 153-171.
9. Thomason, Judith "Parthood and Identity Across Time." *Journal of Philosophy* 80 (1983): 201-219
10. Thomson, Judith "The Statue and the Clay." *Nous* 32 (1998): 149-173

Evaluation

There will be one take-home assignment, weighted 40% of the final mark, given on February 11th and due on February 27th. In addition to this take-home assignment, the students will be expected to write a term paper on an assigned topic that will be due on April 10th. The students are encouraged, but not required, to submit outlines and rough drafts of their term paper for discussion and feedback before March 25th. No late coursework will be accepted under normal circumstances. There will be no Registrar-scheduled final examination. The following table will be used to calculate letter grades from the final marks:

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

Academic Honesty

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, 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.

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Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/computersupport/onlineservices/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.

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