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PHIL 653.5 Lec 01
Topics in Political Philosophy:
Money, Markets & Morality
Fall Term 2016

Course Outline

Lectures: Tuesdays, 17:30-20:15, SS 1253

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Course Description

Which things should be distributed on a market? What things are permissible to exchange for money? These questions can be moral ones, political ones, or both. This class will consider these questions in all these respects by focusing on recent and historical philosophical work on ethics and markets, the role of the state in regulating economic interactions, and the morality of monetary exchange. While the primary focus of the course will be philosophical, it will also have to be informed by work from economics, psychology, sociology, and other relevant disciplines.

Required Texts

Satz, Debra. *Why some things should not be for sale: The moral limits of markets*. Oxford University Press, 2010, ISBN 978-0199892617

Jason Brennan and Peter M. Jaworski, *Markets without Limits: Moral Virtues and Commercial Interests*, Routledge, 2016, ISBN 9780415737357

Additional material will be made available through the D2L site for this class: <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/>

Course Requirements

Weekly Questions:	10%	
Presentation:	10%	
Short Papers:	40%	(Details on due dates below.)
Final Paper:	40%	Due: Thursday, December 15 th at 12:00 noon.

This course has no Registrar administered final exam, only a final paper.

Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work for this course. For further explanation, see the University Calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>

Weekly questions are to be submitted in person at the beginning of class in hard copy. They will not be accepted at other times or in other forms.

Short papers will not be accepted after their designated due date has passed.

Final papers are accepted late, with a penalty of one full grade per 24-hour period overdue. So, an A- paper submitted in the first 24 hours after it was due will receive a B-, if submitted between 24 and 48 hours after it was due would receive a C-, and so on. Once a paper is late, it should be submitted via email (to me at dgdick@ucalgary.ca) as soon as it is ready.

The final paper must be a revision of one of the three short papers. It is therefore not possible to pass the class without submitting at least one short paper that can then be revised into the final paper. A student submitting no short papers may not submit the final paper and will receive an F (0.0) for both the short papers and long paper, guaranteeing a final grade of F (0.0) for the course.

Weekly Questions:

Each week, I'd like you to submit a question based on the reading for the day that you submit the question. The question you write should convince me that you've read the day's reading, at least well enough to be confused by it. I'm not kidding: confusion is a philosophical heuristic, it either helps you identify a place where you don't understand, or where the argument doesn't make sense. Either one of these counts as philosophical progress. These questions and their explanations need not be any longer than about half a page. (I'll post an example of what I mean to D2L.)

Weekly questions are only accepted when submitted in person at the beginning of each class, and only in hard copy. Barring extraordinary and documented serious emergencies, missed weekly questions cannot be made up.

There are 13 weeks in the semester but you only owe me 11 weekly questions for the term. It's entirely up to you which week (beyond the first week) you'd like to pass on. Extra weekly questions beyond this 11 will be read, but will not count for any extra credit.

Weekly questions can be hand written, but keeping an electronic file with your weekly questions can be helpful both for studying and for keeping track of how many you've turned in.

Weekly questions are to be submitted in person at the beginning of class in hard copy. They will not be accepted at other times or in other forms.

Presentation:

Once in the term, you will lead the discussion by giving a presentation on one or more of the readings for the day. This will involve laying out the issues involved, engaging with those issues (asking questions, pointing out implications, etc.) and then leading the discussion about them.

It is recommended but not required for you to meet with me prior to the day of your presentation to discuss your plans for it. Email me to sign up. In your message, please indicate which chapter or section you want to present on. Presenters will lead discussion for roughly one half of a class's allotted time, so there can be no more than two presentations on any given day. Presentation slots are allotted on a first come, first served basis.

You must sign up for these presentations at least one week in advance, so I can make sure there aren't too many presenters on any given day.

Presentations must be based at least partially on one of the assigned readings for the course, but it is possible for students in 653.5 to suggest what readings should be assigned for the last two weeks of the course (the Nov 29 and Dec 6 meetings), if they wish to present on those suggested readings. Students wishing to take this option for the presentation must contact me with a suggested reading no later than November 15.

Presentations will be graded on the 0.0-4.3 scale described below.

Short Papers:

Three short papers are required for this class. Their due dates are as follows:

- First Short Paper: Due no later than 5:30pm on Tuesday, **Oct 11**
- Second Short Paper: Due no later than 5:30pm on Tuesday, **Nov 1**
- Third Short Paper: Due no later than 5:30pm on Tuesday, **Nov 22**

Short papers are accepted prior to their due dates, but not after. This means that even if the first short paper you submit arrives after the due date for the First Short Paper, but before the deadline for the Second Short Paper, it counts as the Second Short Paper.

I prefer short papers to be handed in in class in hard copy, but will accept them via email (dgdick@ucalgary.ca) if this is necessary to meet the deadline for them.

Short papers will be graded pass/fail according to detailed specifications distributed before the first one is due. The letter grade for the Short Papers portion of the final grade calculation will be determined as follows:

- 3 Passing Short Papers = A (4.0)
- 2 Passing Short Papers = B (3.0)
- 1 Passing Short Paper = C (2.0)
- 0 Passing Short Papers = F (0.0)

Short papers will not be accepted after their designated due date has passed.

Final Papers:

The final paper is due Thursday, December 15th at 12:00 noon. It must be a revision of one of the student's previously submitted short papers. It will be graded on the 0.0-4.3 scale described below.

Detailed instructions for the final paper will be distributed in advance of this due date.

Final papers are accepted late, with a penalty of one full grade per 24-hour period overdue. So, an A- paper submitted in the first 24 hours after it was due will receive a B-, if submitted between 24 and 48 hours after it was due would receive a C-, and so on. Once a paper is late, it should be submitted via email (to me at dgdick@ucalgary.ca) as soon as it is ready.

Letter Grade Conversion Table

With the exception of short papers, all evaluated material will be graded on a scale from A+ to F. To weight assignments and calculate the final grade, these letter grades will be converted into the standard 4.0 scale:

4.3 – A+	3.3 – B+	2.3 – C+	1.3 – D+	0.0 – F
4.0 – A	3.0 – B	2.0 – C	1.0 – D	
3.7 – A-	2.7 – B-	1.7 – C-		

The arithmetic that will calculate your final grade will follow this formula:

$$(W. Questions).10 + (Presentation).10 + (Short Papers).40 + (Final Paper).40 = \text{Final Grade}$$

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

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services. SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For more information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>. Students who require accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their instructor. The full policy on student accommodations is available at http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is UCalgary's online learning management system. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/it/services/d2l> for help.

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 or teaching assistant.

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