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FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 667.13 Lec 1**  
**Topics in Philosophy of Science: Issues in Medical Science**

**Fall Term 2016**

**Course Outline**

**Lectures: Monday 16:00-18:45, SS 117**

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**Course Description**

This course will examine epistemological and metaphysical issues in medicine and medical science. Topics may include: the nature of health and disease; identification, explanation, and causation of disease; and epistemological issues in evidence-based and individualized medicine. (This course will NOT investigate ethical questions.)

**Required Texts**

All required texts for this course are available electronically and will be posted on D2L.

For the first class, please read <http://plato.stanford.edu/entries/medicine/>

Future readings and the schedule will be discussed in class and posted on D2L.

**Course Requirements**

There will be no Registrar Scheduled Final exam. Evaluation of writing is an important component of the grade in this class. No component is such that passing it is required to pass the course.

15% Five article analyses (you may choose which weeks you do these, 5X3%=15%)

20% Class Presentation (dates to be scheduled)

5% First draft of term paper (4500 words max.)—hard copy due in class Dec. 5

10% Peer evaluation of term paper draft – in class on Dec. 5

50% Final draft of term paper (4500 words max.)--due in D2L dropbox by 23:59 Dec. 16

For purposes of calculation the following scale will be used.

96-100=A+      80-84=B+      -69=C+      50-54=D+

90-95=A      75-79=B      60-64=C      45-49=D

85-89=A-      70-74=B-      55-59=C-      <45=F

**Late assignments:**

Late assignments will be penalized at the rate of 5% (e.g. going from 85% to 80%) per day unless discussed with me in advance or in cases of medical or family emergency.

**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**

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](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf)

**D2L Help**

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