

**LWSO 413-01  
Liberalism  
Fall 2012  
T/R 9:30-10:45  
SB 105**

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**Additional Information**

Together with LWSO 415, this course replaces LWSO 412.

**Course Description**

This course examines the conceptions of rights and freedoms in the liberal tradition, beginning with J.S. Mill and other early writers and moving on to discuss the critiques and new directions that have been put forward by more recent scholars. We examine the implications of these theories for contemporary socio-legal problems around such issues as expression, religion and multiculturalism.

**Objectives of the Course**

Students are to gain a detailed understanding of liberalism and its workings in Canada, with some comparisons to other jurisdictions. They will enhance their analytical skills and craft thoughtful, coherent, creative arguments about liberalism and its real-world manifestations.

**Textbooks and Readings:**

Edited versions of cases will be available on Blackboard, as will links to other materials. The following books will be used:

- John Stuart Mill, *On Liberty* (1869) – available on the internet, with links identified in Blackboard; some used copies will also be available at the bookstore
- Will Kymlicka, *Multicultural Citizenship: A Liberal Theory of Minority Rights* (Oxford UP, 1996) – also available online through the library

**Assignments and Evaluation**

- Midterm: Mill, Berlin and liberty (30%) – Thurs. Oct. 11 (closed book)

- Debate / analysis (30%) – Debates will take place on Oct. 16, Oct. 18, Nov. 1 and Nov. 6. Judgments will be due two weeks after the debates.
- Final exam (40%) – registrar-scheduled final exam period (closed book)

Four class sessions will be devoted to debates. Every student will be involved in one debate. Each debate team will be composed of four students, two of whom will deliver the arguments orally and the other two of whom will jointly prepare a written argument for their team. These written arguments will be due by 9:30 am the day of the debate in electronic form and will be posted to the Blackboard site.

Students not on debate teams will be judges, with one-quarter of these non-participant students being judges for each of the debates. Judgments will be due by 4 pm two weeks after each debate. Judgments will be based on both oral and written argument. Students may collaborate in composing their judgments and may submit judgments individually, in pairs, or in groups of three. Judgments will be posted to the Blackboard site so as to provide feedback to the debate teams.

The grade for the course and whether or not a student passes it will be based on the student's accumulated score and will not depend on passing any particular component of the course.

It is the student's responsibility to keep a copy of each submitted assignment.

Note: Please hand in your essays directly to your tutor or instructor if possible. If it is not possible to do so, a daytime drop box is available in SS110; a date stamp is provided for your use. A night drop box is also available for after-hours submission. Assignments will be removed the following morning, stamped with the previous day's date, and placed in the instructor's mailbox.

### **Registrar-scheduled Final Examination: Yes**

Please note: If your class is held in the evening, the Registrar's Office will make every attempt to schedule the final exam during the evening; however, there is NO guarantee that the exam will NOT be scheduled during the day.

### **Policy for Late Assignments**

Assignments submitted after the deadline may be penalized with the loss of a grade (e.g.: A- to B+) for each day late.

### **Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act**

This course is conducted in accordance with the Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy Act (FOIP). As one consequence, **students should identify themselves on all written work by using their ID number. Also you will be required to provide a piece of picture identification in order to pick up an assignment or look at a final exam.**

For more information see also <http://www.ucalgary.ca/secretariat/privacy>.

## **Grading System**

The following grading system will be used:

	Grading Scale
A+	96-100
A	90-95.99
A -	85-89.99
B+	80-84.99
B	75-79.99
B-	70-74.99
C+	65-69.99
C	60-64.99
C-	55-59.99
D+	53-54.99
D	50-52.99
F	0-49

## **Schedule of Lectures and Readings**

The schedule of lectures and readings will be posted on Blackboard prior to the commencement of classes.

## **Plagiarism**

Using any source whatsoever without clearly documenting it is a serious academic offense. Consequences include failure on the assignment, failure in the course and possibly suspension or expulsion from the university.

You must document not only direct quotations but also paraphrases and ideas where they appear in your text. A reference list at the end is insufficient by itself. Readers must be able to tell exactly where your words and ideas end and other people's words and ideas begin. This includes assignments submitted in non-traditional formats such as Web pages or visual media, and material taken from such sources.

Please consult your instructor if you have any questions regarding how to document sources.

## **Internet and Electronic Device Information**

Students may use their computers in class for taking notes, following the PowerPoint outlines of lectures, and other purposes related to the class. You may not record the class

without the instructor's permission. Cell phones are not to be used for calls, texting or purposes unrelated to the class.

### **Academic Misconduct**

For information on academic misconduct and the consequences thereof please see the current University of Calgary Calendar at the following link;  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html>

### **Academic Accommodation Policy**

If you are a student with a disability who may require academic accommodation, it is your responsibility to register with the Disability Resource Centre (220-8237) and discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of the course. For further information, please see <http://www.ucalgary.ca/drc/node/46>

### **Emergency Evacuation and Assembly points**

Please note the evacuation points for this particular classroom. All classrooms on campus exit to specific places in case of emergency. The emergency assembly points differ depending upon where your classroom is located. For information on the emergency evacuation procedures and the assembly points see  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>

### **"SAFEWALK" Program**

Campus Security will escort individuals day or night -- call 220-5333 for assistance. Use any campus phone, emergency phone or the yellow phone located at most parking lot booths.

### **Student Representation**

There are four Arts reps, with the email addresses being [arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca), [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca), and [arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca). Please contact them if you have questions related to Students Union matters, events, or concerns.

For your student ombudsman, please see  
<http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>

### **Faculty of Arts Program Advising and Student Information Resources**

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts! Drop in at SS110, call us at 403-220-3580 or email us at [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca). You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at

<http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.

- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre (formerly the Undergraduate programs Office) at (403) 220-5881 or visit them on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at (403) 210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.