

COURSE OUTLINE: PHIL 2601A / RELI 2738A
PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
Winter 2017: Tues-Thurs, 11:35 - 12:55, UC 182

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Course description:

A philosophical examination of some characteristic concepts of religion, such as faith, hope, worship, revelation, miracle, God.

Listed as PHIL 2601 and RELI 2738. Precludes additional credit for RELI 2601.

Prerequisite(s): a course in philosophy or second-year standing.

Required text (available at the Carleton bookstore, or various places online):

Philosophy of Religion: Selected Readings, fifth edition, ed. Michael Peterson, William Hasker, Bruce Reichenbach, and David Basinger (Oxford University Press, 2014)

cuLearn:

This course will be supported by the cuLearn Course Management System. You can access your cuLearn account by going to www.carleton.ca/culearn and entering your MyCarletonOne username and password.

A variety of resources as well as important information will be made available through the cuLearn site, including assignment topics and due dates, test dates, and schedule(s) of readings, which will be updated through the semester. Students will be fully responsible for reading and responding appropriately to all information distributed through the cuLearn Course Page. Information provided on this page will be considered to have been provided to all registered students within 24 hours of posting.

Evaluation:

1. Term work: two short papers (40%)

Two short papers will be due over the course of the semester. I will ask you to reconstruct and evaluate a short argument or passage from a philosophical text. Topics will be made available **on cuLearn** two weeks before papers are due. Papers are to be submitted **on cuLearn**.

Papers should be two-three pages long, double-spaced and with standard (12-point) font and margins. Each paper will be worth **20%** of your final grade, for a total of **40%**.

Note: All assignments must be the result of an individual (i.e., non-collaborative) effort.

2. Test (20%)

There will be an *in-class, closed-book* test mid-way through the semester, worth **20%** of your final grade. You will be permitted to bring a one-page, double-sided “cheat sheet” to the test, upon which you may write or type whatever you like, using whatever size fonts / margins you like. (Note however that you will not be permitted to use any visual aids such as magnifying glasses during the test.)

3. Final exam (40%)

There will be a formally scheduled examination during final exam period, worth **40%** of your final grade. Like the mid-term test, the final exam will be closed-book, but you will be permitted to bring a one-page, double-sided “cheat sheet” upon which you may write or type whatever you like, using whatever size fonts / margins you like. (Note however that you will not be permitted to use any visual aids such as magnifying glasses during the final.)

Some course policies:

1. Lateness penalties: Assignments will be penalized by one third of a grade per day for every day that they are late. For instance, an assignment marked B+ on its merits will be reduced to a B on the first day that it is late, and to a C- on the fifth day.

2. Extensions: Extensions *may* be granted only if requested *at least 24 hours in advance* and *with a valid reason* (e.g., medical reason). There will be no extensions granted for tests or exams.

3. Philosophy department and university policies: See final page of course outline.

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (2016-17)

Assignments:

Unless specifically told otherwise by their instructors, students:

- must not use a plastic or cardboard cover or paper clips
- must staple the paper (there is a stapler on the essay box)
- must include the following:
 - student name
 - student number
 - course number and section
 - instructor's name
- No assignments will be accepted after the last day for handing in term work – see dates in next column.
- Assignments handed in through the essay box (just inside the glass doors, Paterson Hall, Floor 3A) must be dropped into the box by **4:15** on a regular business day in order to be date-stamped with that day's date. Assignments handed in after 4:15 or on a non-business day will be stamped as having been handed in on the next business day.
- Students are required to keep copies of their assignments. If your paper is lost at any point, you will be considered not to have submitted it if you cannot produce a copy immediately on request.

Deferrals for Term Work:

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a final assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply for a deferral of examination/assignment. For deferred examinations (both formally scheduled and take-homes), you must apply within 3 working days after the scheduled date of the exam. To apply for deferral of a final assignment, you must apply within 3 working days of the last scheduled day of classes. Visit the Registrar's Office for more information.

Plagiarism:

It is the responsibility of each student to understand the meaning of 'plagiarism' as defined in the Undergraduate or Graduate Calendars, and to avoid both committing plagiarism and aiding or abetting plagiarism by other students. (Undergraduate Calendar Academic Regulations, section 14.3, or <http://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/regulations/academicregulationsoftheuniversity/acadregsuniv14/>)

Academic Accommodation:

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

Pregnancy obligation: write to your professor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Religious obligation: write to your professor with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: The **Paul Menton Centre** for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send your **Letter of Accommodation** at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (*if applicable*). Requests made within two

weeks will be reviewed on a case-by-case basis. After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your professor to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (*if applicable*) at <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/>

Important Dates:

Sept. 7	Classes start.
Sept. 20	Last day for registration and course changes in Fall and Fall/Winter courses.
Sept. 30	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from Fall term or two-term courses.
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day – University closed.
Oct. 24-28	Fall Break – no classes.
Nov. 25	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Dec. 9	Last day of classes, Fall term. Classes follow a Monday schedule.
Dec. 9	Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for Fall term courses.
Dec. 9	Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only).
Dec. 10-22	Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses. Exams are normally held all seven days of the week.
Dec. 22	Take-home exams are due.
Jan. 5	Winter term classes begin.
Jan. 18	Last day for registration and course changes in Winter term classes.
Jan. 31	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from winter courses or winter portion of two-term courses.
Feb. 20	Family Day – University closed.
Feb. 20-24	Winter Break, no classes.
Mar. 24	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Apr. 7	Last day of Fall/Winter and Winter term classes. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for Fall/Winter and Winter term courses.
Apr. 7	Last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter and Winter term courses (academic purposes only).
Apr. 10-25	Final Examinations. Exams are normally held all seven days of the week.
Apr. 14	Good Friday – University closed.
Apr. 25	Take-home exams are due.

Addresses:

Department of Philosophy:	3A35 Paterson Hall www.carleton.ca/philosophy
Registrar's Office:	520-2110 300 Tory www.carleton.ca/registrar
Student Academic Success Centre:	520-3500 302 Tory www.carleton.ca/sasc
Writing Tutorial Service:	520-7850 4 th Floor, Library http://www1.carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/
MacOdrum Library	520-6632 http://www.library.carleton.ca/ 520-2735