

PHIL 3340 Contemporary Social and Political Philosophy:

Winter 2016 Thursday 6-9 pm TB 236

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Office: Paterson 3A55 Hours: Thursday 4:00-5:30 pm*

(*not Feb 4th or March 17th)

Course Overview: Theories of Justice

What is justice and how do we realize it? Should legislators and public policy-makers be governed by different principles of justice than private citizens? Why? And what principles might these be? In this class we will examine distinct principles of justice, and evaluate their appropriateness as guides to political and distributive decision-making in a liberal democratic state. We will look at how these principles are grounded in Utilitarian, Libertarian, Marxist, Kantian, Egalitarian, Communitarian, and Cosmopolitan theories of justice, pausing as we go to test each view on such controversial issues as commercial surrogacy, affirmative action, foreign aid, and marriage equality.

Course Text:

Justice: A Reader, ed. Michael J. Sandel (Oxford: 2007) available at the Carleton Bookstore. All other readings are available as a PDF on CU Learn. See schedule.

Course Assignments:

There will be two in-class tests worth 20% each for a total of 40%, attendance and participation worth 10%, and a final take home exam worth 50% of the final grade and due on the last day of the April exam period.

Course Schedule:

January 7 **Justice and the State: The Right and the Good**

January 14 **Justice as Happiness: Utilitarianism**

- Jeremy Bentham, *Principles of Morals and Legislation* (pp.9-13)
- John Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism* (pp.14-47)

January 21 **Justice as Self-Ownership: Libertarianism**

- Milton and Rose Friedman, "Free to Choose" (pp.49-60)
- Robert Nozick, *Anarchy, State, and Utopia* (pp.60-73)
- John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*, ch 5 (pp. 90-97)

- January 28 Justice as Self-Ownership: Marxism and Immoral Markets**
- Karl Marx, "Wage Labour and Capital" *PDF on CU Learn
 - Elizabeth Anderson, "Is Women's Labor a Commodity?" (pp. 144-156)
- February 4 In class test #1**
- February 11 Justice as Autonomy: Deontology and Kantianism**
- Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork to a Metaphysics of Morals* (pp.158-189)
 - Immanuel Kant, "Theory and Practice, Part 2" *PDF on CU Learn
- February 18 Reading Break**
- February 25 Justice as Fairness: Egalitarianism**
- John Rawls, *A Theory of Justice* (pp.203-226)
- March 3 Justice as Membership: Communitarianism**
- Michael Sandel, *Democracy's Discontents* (pp. 328-334)
 - Michael Walzer, *Spheres of Justice* (pp. 335-342)
- March 17 In class test #2**
- March 24 Justice, Gender, and Race**
- Susan Moller Okin. "Justice and Gender," *Philosophy and Public Affairs* 16(1) 1987 *PDF on CU Learn
 - Charles Mills, "Rawls on Race," *Southern Journal of Philosophy* 47(S1) 2009. *PDF on CU Learn
 - Ronald Dworkin, "Bakke's Case: Are Quotas Unfair," (pp. 249-255)
- March 31 Justice as Political not Metaphysical: Neutrality vs Perfection**
- John Rawls, *Political Liberalism* (pp.343-358)
 - Michael Sandel, "Political Liberalism" (pp.359-377)
 - Goodridge v. Dept of Public Health (pp.379-383)
 - Michael Kinsley, "Abolish Marriage" (pp.383-384)
- April 7 Justice as Non-Membership: Cosmopolitanism**
- Thomas Pogge, "Eradicating Systemic Poverty: Brief for a Global Resources Dividend" *Journal of Human Development* 2 (1) 2001 *PDF on CU Learn
 - Martha Nussbaum, "Beyond the Social Contract: Capabilities and Global Justice," *Oxford Development Studies* 32(1) 2004 *PDF on CU Learn

Final Take Home Exam due last day of April exam period

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (2015-16)

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, you must apply within 5 working days after the scheduled date of your exam. To apply for deferral of a final assignment, you must apply within 5 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*). 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. 2	Classes start.
Sept. 4	Classes follow a Monday schedule.
Sept. 7	Labour Day - University closed.
Sept. 18	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. 12	Thanksgiving Day – University closed.
Oct. 26-30	Fall Break – no classes.
Nov. 24	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Dec. 7	Last day of classes, Fall term. 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. 7	Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only).
Dec. 8	No classes or examinations take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
Dec. 9-21	Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses. Exams are normally held all seven days of the week.
Dec. 21	Take-home exams are due.
Jan. 6	Winter term classes begin.
Jan. 19	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. 15-19	Winter Break, no classes.
Mar. 24	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Mar. 25	Good Friday – University closed.
Apr. 8	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. 8	Last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter and Winter term courses (academic purposes only).
Apr. 9-10	No classes or examinations take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
Apr. 11-23	Final Examinations. Exams are normally held all seven days of the week.
Apr. 23	Take-home exams are due.

Addresses:

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