

PHIL 1000/Section A
Introductory Philosophy: Fields, Figures and Problems
Fall 2014
Monday and Wednesday, 2:30-4:00pm

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Required Text: PHIL 1000/Section A course pack (available at Haven Books, 43 Seneca Street).

Course description: This course introduces several branches of Western philosophy through a discussion of important problems associated with each. We will ask such questions as Why is there something rather than nothing? Is belief in the existence of God reasonable? How is knowledge possible? Can we reasonably claim to know anything outside the contents of our own minds? Are we free? What is the right thing to do? What gives the state authority over persons? and But is it art?

No prior knowledge about any of these questions will be presumed. It is however expected that you will be curious about the subject matter.

Note: This course precludes additional credit for PHIL 1100 and FYSM 1208.

Course Evaluation: Students will be evaluated on the basis of two in-class tests and a final exam.

The mark breakdown is as follows:

Test 1, Wednesday October 8 th in class	25%
Test 2, Monday November 17 th in class	30%
Final Exam, to be scheduled in exam period	45%

Tests: You will have ninety minutes to answer a selection of multiple choice and short-and/or long-answer questions. You will be tested on your knowledge of the concepts and arguments from lectures and required readings. Tests are non-cumulative.

Exam: You will have three hours to answer a selection of multiple choice and short-and/or long-answer questions. You will be tested on your knowledge of the concepts and arguments from lectures and required readings. Exam is cumulative.

Note: Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

Course schedule: The following is a LOOSE lecture schedule. We will adapt as needed. Changes that arise will be announced with reasonable notice in class and on cuLearn. (Please note that you are required to use your Carleton email account to access the course on cuLearn.)

Wk	Dates	Class topics and evaluations
1	Sept 8 & 10	Introduction to the course What is philosophy?
2	Sept 15 & 17	Why is there something rather than nothing?
3	Sept 22 & 24	Does God exist?
4	Sept 29 & Oct 1	How is knowledge possible?
5	Oct 6 & 8	Review Test 1 (25%): Oct 8
6	Oct 15	No class: Oct 13 Can we know anything outside the contents of our own minds?
7	Oct 20 & 22	Are we really free?
8	Oct 27 & 29	No classes: Oct 27-31
9	Nov 3 & 5	What should we do?
10	Nov 10 & 12	What should we do? Review
11	Nov 17 & 19	Test 2 (30%): Nov 17 What justifies the state?
12	Nov 24 & 26	What justifies the state?
13	Dec 1 & 3	But is it art?
14	Dec 8	Review for final exam

Attendance Policy: Class attendance is mandatory. However, due to class size no record of attendance will be kept, leaving your attendance to your own discretion.

If you miss a midterm please let me and/or the TA know within five working days after the date of the missed midterm. A make-up test will be provided only upon presentation

of official and verifiable documentation (e.g. a letter from a doctor). A zero score will be recorded for any missed midterm for which no such documentation is received.

Please be advised that in order to **defer a final exam** you need to go through an official deferral process. An official deferral request must be made through the Registrar's Office. See below.

Teaching Assistants are responsible for marking tests and final exams. If you wish to review a test, or to contest a grade, please see the TA who marked your test first. If any disagreement about your mark persists after meeting with the TA, you are welcome to see me to appeal your grade. If you come to see me before discussing your grievance with the TA, I will direct you to the TA.

Neither I, nor the TAs, will be distributing lecture notes electronically. The **lecture notes will not be posted** on cuLearn. Neither I, nor the TAs, will supply missed class notes, whatever the reason for missing them. It is your responsibility to catch up with any missed notes.

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (2014-15)

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
- The Philosophy Department does not accept assignments by FAX. You may send them by courier, if necessary.
- 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. 4	Classes start (after Orientation events).
Sept. 17	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. 13	Thanksgiving Day – university closed.
Oct. 27-31	Fall Break – no classes.
Nov. 24	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Dec. 8	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. 8	Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only).
Dec. 9	No classes or examinations take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
Dec. 10-21	Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses.
Dec. 21	Take-home exams are due.
Jan. 5	Winter term classes begin.
Jan. 16	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. 16-20	Winter Break, classes suspended.
Mar. 24	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
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:

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