

PHIL 2003 B Critical Thinking
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Tuesday 6.00 – 9.00 pm
AT 101

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Required Course Materials: *Critical Thinking - Concise Edition*. William Hughes, Jonathan Lavery, Boradview Press, 2015. The book can be purchased at the university bookstore.

It is only natural for us, humans, to think. How we live our lives depend to a great extent on how we think. Much of our thinking, however, left to itself lacks accuracy, impartiality and clarity. To improve the quality of our lives, we have to improve our thinking by analysing its structures and forms, and taking charge of the intellectual problems we constantly come across. This course is an introduction to the concepts and tools used in critical thinking. We will learn what the elements of thought are, how to use the information we receive from the external world, how to identify the fallacies and inaccurate inferences or assumptions. No previous familiarity with philosophy or logic is presumed.

Course Evaluation:

Term Test 1, February 7, 2017	20%
Term Test 2, February 28, 2017	20%
Term Test 3, March 21, 2017	20%
Final Exam, TBA	40%

All the tests are based upon the material covered in class. The tests combine multiple choice questions, standardize the arguments questions, True or False questions, analysing definitions and explanations questions. The final exam covers the whole course material.

Note: There are no mock or make-up tests scheduled for this course. Make-up tests will be provided to students on a case-by-case basis, only upon presentation of a verifiable doctor's note or other official documentation. Otherwise a zero will be assigned for each missing test result.

The Teaching Assistants are responsible for marking all the tests and exams. If a disagreement over a mark occurs, the student needs to see the marker (Teaching Assistant) first and discuss the mark/test/exam. If the disagreement persists, the student can appeal the mark to the professor.

However, the professor reserves the right to raise or lower the mark despite the mark that has already been assigned.

The standard time for returning marked tests/exams is two weeks from the date of the test/exam. However, in some cases, it may require more time. Announcements of any changes will be made in class or posted on the web-site of the course.

Neither the Teaching Assistants, nor the professor will weigh any of the tests/exams any differently than what has been originally assigned to them.

The syllabus is subject to revision and changes according to time constraints and in-class progress. Be advised that any announcements or postings on cuLearn become official and it is responsibility of the student to check the web-site regularly.

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:

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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