

PHIL 2380-A: Environmental Philosophy
September 7th, 2016 – December 9th, 2016
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Class

Tory Building 360
Tuesday, 2:35pm–3:55pm
Thursday, 2:35pm–3:55pm

Office Hours

Paterson Hall 329B
Tuesday, 4:15pm–5:15pm
Thursday, 4:15pm–5:15pm

Course Description

Environmental issues occupy a central place in policy, and society at large. Owing largely to the many environmental consequences that have accompanied industrialization (though some would say the expansion and intensification of capitalism), we have been forced to rethink our relationship with technology and nature. We will investigate, in this course, the following questions: What is nature, and what role do humans occupy in or outside of it? What role should we occupy? What, if anything, do we owe non-human members of the biotic or abiotic community? What do we owe future generations? How do we balance technological benefits against their environmental harms? What philosophical tools are useful in answering these questions? How should answers to these questions factor in public policy?

Course Evaluation

- First Test: October 6th (20%)
- Second Test: November 17th (30%)
- Final Exam: To Be Announced (50%)

Policies and Procedures:

1. Professionalism: I require that students adopt a professional attitude towards class conduct. This entails arriving on time and not leaving early, focusing on the lecture and not engaging in discussions unrelated to class material, turning off and ignoring cell phones unless an emergency is imminent, such as mortality (birth or death) or imprisonment. Most importantly, I also expect class discussions to be conducted at a respectful and professional level.
2. Email to the professor should indicate the name, student number, and course. The subject line should read PHIL 2380A. Please note that I reserve the right to not answer an email if it requests information that is provided on the syllabus or other distributed documents.
3. Tests are returned two weeks after they are taken; grades are posted on CULearn.
4. If you miss an exam, you must contact the professor within 48 hours. This is your responsibility. If you are excused from an exam (for medical reasons, etc. as determined by the professor) you must make up the exam at the following times: For Test 1, the make up date is October 13th, 4:05pm–5:25pm; Test 2: November 24th, 4:05pm–5:25pm. The location is Paterson Hall 329B.

Required Text

The required text has been ordered through Black Squirrel Books, 1073 Bank St:

- Robbins, P., Hintz, J., Moore, S.A. *Environment and Society: A Critical Introduction*. 2nd edition. (Malden, MA: Wiley Blackwell, 2014). ISBN: 978-1-118-45156-4.

Reading Schedule (Subject to Change)

Week 1: September 8	Introduction
Week 2: September 13, 15	Chapter 1: Introduction Chapter 2: Population and Scarcity
Week 3: September 20, 22	Chapter 3: Markets and Commodities
Week 4: September 27, 29	Chapter 4: Institutions and “The Commons”
Week 5: October 4	Review
October 6	Test 1 (20%)
Week 6: October 11, 13	Chapter 5: Environmental Ethics
Week 7: October 20, 22	Chapter 6: Risks and Hazards
Week 8: October 24–28	Fall Break, No Classes
Week 9: November 1, 3	Chapter 7: Political Economy
Week 10: November 8, 10	Chapter 9: Carbon Dioxide
Week 11: November 15	Review
November 17	Test 2 (30%)
Week 12: November 22, 24	Chapter 14: Lawns
Week 13: November 29 December 1	Chapter 15: Bottled Water
Week 14: December 6, 8	Chapter 17: E-Waste

Final Exam (50%): To Be Announced, to be scheduled during the period of December 10–22. Exams are scheduled during the day and evening, on weekdays and on weekends. Please do not schedule vacations during this period, for travel does not constitute a reason to defer the final exam.

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, 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. 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 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