

**PHIL 5900 RESEARCH SEMINAR
CARLETON UNIVERSITY
WINTER 2014**

TERM: 2014 Winter
MEETINGS: Wednesdays 2:30 to 5:30 p.m.
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The primary objective of this seminar is to develop topics for theses or research essays. This will be done in the following stages:

- presenting an extended search for literature on the topic of a paper you have written previously, prioritizing what you find;
- presenting to the class one paper or chapter, to identify a possible research topic;
- presenting a few other key articles or chapters, situating your view in relation to these;
- presenting a short seminar paper beginning to develop and defend that position;
- writing an abstract to propose how the short paper will be developed into a full paper, in light of discussion and comments received;
- writing an MA research proposal, consisting of a bibliography and 1000 word statement of the subject matter and aims of thesis or research essay, towards the Thesis and Research Essay Approval Form;
- writing the longer paper, aiming either for a writing sample or part of a first thesis chapter.

Students will consult with potential supervisors during this process.

READINGS

Articles selected and circulated by students, on their research topics
Seminar papers, to be circulated in advance of their presentation and discussion

EVALUATION

ASSIGNMENT	WEIGHT
Extended search presentation (oral, supported by written search results)	5
"Text to topic" presentation (oral)	5
Situating yourself presentation (oral)	5
Seminar paper (1500 to 2500 words)	15
Presentation/discussion of seminar paper (oral)	5
MA research proposal (Thesis and Research Essay Approval Form)	15
Proposal for final paper	5
Final paper (6000 to 8000 words) due no later than April 26	35
Participation	10

COURSE CALENDAR

WEEK *January 8* – Organizational Meeting

- I. Overview of term – Drawing dates for presentations – Presentation by Librarian Janice Scammell
Use the next two weeks to consult with a potential supervisor, to identify one or two texts that point to a topic you might want to pursue in your MA research.

II. *January 15* – Extended searches

Present an extended search for literature on the topic of a paper you have written previously. Prioritize this literature by distinguishing overviews, central contributions, main issues and debates, and peripheral articles.

III. *January 22* – Extended searches, continued

IV. *January 29* – Texts to Topics

Present one or two texts that point to a question you might want to research. What is that question?

V. *February 5* – Texts to Topics, continued

VI. *February 12* – Texts to Topics, continued

February 19 – **NO CLASS, WINTER BREAK**

February 26 – Situating yourself

Present three or four different positions on your research question, aiming to find where you stand in relation to them.

VII. *March 5* – Situating yourself, continued

VIII. *March 12* – Situating yourself, continued

IX. *March 19* – Seminar papers, plus:

- Writing successful abstracts and proposals
- The Thesis and Research Essay Approval Form

X. *March 26* – (a) Seminar papers

XI. *April 2* – (a) Seminar papers

XII. *April 9* – Presentations: (a) research topic forms, and (b) final paper abstracts

April 26 – **University deadline for final assignments**

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (2013-14)

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 in the lower right corner of the cover sheet:
 - 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://www4.carleton.ca/calendars//ugrad/current/regulations/acadregsuniv14.html#14.3>)

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 me 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 me 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 me 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 me 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. 5	Classes start (after Orientation events).
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. 11	University Day – no undergraduate classes.
Oct. 14	Thanksgiving Day – university closed.
Oct. 28 –	
Nov. 1	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. 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	No classes or examinations take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
Dec. 11-22	Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses.
Dec. 22	Take-home exams are due.
Jan. 6	Winter term classes begin.
Jan. 17	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. 17-21	Winter Break, classes suspended.
Mar. 25	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. 11-26	Final Examinations. Exams will not be held Apr. 18-20.
Apr. 18	Good Friday – university closed.
Apr. 26	Take-home exams are due.

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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

