

COURSE OUTLINE: PHIL 2601A / RELI 2738A
PHILOSOPHY OF RELIGION
Winter 2013: Mon-Wed, 2:35-3:55 PM, AT 302

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Course description: A philosophical examination of some characteristic concepts of religion, such as faith, hope, worship, revelation, miracle, God.

Listed as PHIL 2601 and RELI 2738. Precludes additional credit for RELI 2601.

Prerequisite(s): a course in philosophy or second-year standing.

Required text (available at the Carleton bookstore, or various places online):

Philosophy of Religion: An Anthology, sixth edition, ed. Louis Pojman and Michael Rea (Wadsworth Publishing, 2011)

WebCT:

Please note that this course will be supported by the WebCT Course Management System. *All correspondence with the professor regarding this course should be carried out through the WebCT e-mail system only.* A variety of resources will be made available through the WebCT site, including paper topics. You must activate your WebCT account by going to the following page: <http://webct.carleton.ca> and following the links from the "Student Resources" site on the left hand side.

Students will be fully responsible for reading and responding appropriately to all information distributed to students through the WebCT Course Page. Information provided on this page will be considered to have been provided to all registered students within 24 hours of posting.

Powerpoint slides will sometimes be used in lecture, and will typically be made available on WebCT after class. Please note that slides are *not* a substitute for lectures and readings.

Evaluation:

1. Term work: two short papers (40%)

Note:

- All assignments must be the result of an individual (i.e., non-collaborative) effort
- All assignments must be submitted **on WebCT**.

Two short papers will be due over the course of the semester. I will ask you to reconstruct and evaluate a short argument or passage from a philosophical text.

Papers should be two-three pages long, double-spaced and with standard (12-point) font and margins. Topics will be made available **on WebCT** two weeks before papers are due. Each paper will be worth **20%** of your final grade, for a total of **40%**.

2. Test (20%)

There will be an *in-class, closed-book* test mid-way through the semester, worth **20%** of your final grade. You will be permitted to bring a one-page, double-sided “cheat sheet” to the test, upon which you may write whatever you like.

3. Final exam (40%)

There will be a formally scheduled examination during final exam period, worth **40%** of your final grade. You will be permitted to bring a one-page, double-sided “cheat sheet” to the exam, upon which you may write whatever you like.

Some course policies:

1. Lateness penalties: Assignments will be penalized by one third of a grade per day for every day that they are late. For instance, an assignment marked B+ on its merits will be reduced to a B on the first day that it is late, and to a C- on the fifth day.

2. Extensions: Extensions *may* be granted only if requested *at least 24 hours in advance* and *with a valid reason* (e.g., medical reason). There will be no extensions granted for tests or exams.

3. Philosophy department and university policies: See final page of course outline.

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (2012-13)

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/acadre/suniv14.html#14.3>)

Academic Accommodation 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).

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation>.

Important Dates:

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| Sept. 6 | Classes start (after Orientation events). |
| Sept. 19 | 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. 5 | University Day – no classes. |
| Oct. 8 | Thanksgiving Day – university closed. |
| Nov. 19 | Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period. |
| Dec. 3 | 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. 3 | Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only). |
| Dec. 4-5 | No classes take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced. |
| Dec. 6-19 | Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses. |
| Dec. 19 | Take-home exams are due. |
| Jan. 7 | 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. 18 | Family Day – university closed |
| Feb. 18-22 | Winter Break, classes suspended. |
| Mar. 27 | Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period. |
| Mar. 29 | Good Friday – university closed |
| Apr. 10 | 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. NOTE: On this day all classes follow a Friday schedule. |
| Apr. 10 | Last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter and Winter term courses (academic purposes only). |
| Apr. 11-12 | No classes take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced. |
| Apr. 13-27 | Final Examinations. |
| Apr. 27 | Take-home exams are due. |

Addresses:

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| Department of Philosophy: | 3A46 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 |
| Paul Menton Centre: | 500 University Centre www.carleton.ca/pmc 520-6608 |
| Writing Tutorial Service: | 4 th Floor, Library www.carleton.ca/wts 520-6632 |
| MacOdrum Library | http://www.library.carleton.ca/ 520-2735 |