

PHIL 1000 Introduction to Philosophy

Spring/Summer 2017

Monday and Wednesday, 6.00 – 9.00 p.m.

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Office Hours: Wednesday, 5.00-6.00 p.m.

Required Course Materials: You do not have to purchase a textbook or course pack for this course. All the readings required for this course are available from free online sources (the list of all required texts follows below).

This book might be helpful (no need to purchase it!): Norman Melchert, *The Great Conversation: A Historical Introduction to Philosophy*, Oxford University Press, 2007.

Objectives: The primary objective of this course is to introduce students to different philosophers and philosophical theories. The course will take a historical rather than thematic approach. Thus, we will start from antiquity and finish with 20th century philosophy. You will get introduced to different perspectives on the main questions in philosophy such as what is knowledge? what is being? what is good? etc. A secondary objective of the course is to introduce you to some basic aspects of expressing your views on such matters in a written form via philosophical essay which will be the final assignment for this course.

Course Evaluation:

There is one in-class midterm worth 30% of the final mark. In addition, there is one text review worth 30% of the final mark, and one take-home final assignment in the form of a philosophical essay, worth 40% of the final mark. The in-class midterm and the final take-home assignment/essay consist of a certain number of questions (you will be able to choose from a number of questions for the in-class tests but not for the take-home assignments) to be answered. The text review will follow a format specified in a separate document. All assignment questions

and/or instructions will be posted on cuLearn in due course. Midterm topics will be posted in advance on cuLearn.

Note that the Philosophy Department at Carleton has decided to abstain from printing out course outlines and/or handouts except in rare cases. In agreement with this new effort to save paper and ink, all handouts will be available on the course web-site on cuLearn.

Text review due in class, worth 30% no later than Wednesday, May 24, 2017.

Midterm (in-class), worth 30%: Wednesday, May 31, 2017.

Final take-home essay, worth 40%: due by the end of the day on Tuesday, June 13, 2017.

All the assignments are based upon the material and discussions **covered in class**.

Note: There are no mock or make-up tests scheduled for this course. A make-up test or due date extension will be provided **only** upon presentation of a verifiable doctor's note. A failure to provide one will result in 0 (zero) on the given assignment! It is the responsibility of the student to contact the professor as soon as possible with any official documentation the student might have, justifying his/her absence from the test/assignment/exam and schedule a make-up midterm/assignment/exam. All such arrangements must be made directly with the professor.

Please note that neither the professor nor the TA will provide slides and/or lecture notes, regardless of the reason the student has missed a given class. It is the responsibility of the student to find a way to recover the missed lecture.

If you require a note taker, please contact PMC as soon as possible to be accommodated.

No electronic copies of any of the final assignments will be accepted unless there is a medical or other documented emergency!

Note: Please note that the syllabus is subject to changes and modifications due to time constraints and in-class progress!

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 Assistant, nor the professor will weigh any of the tests/exams any differently than the value that has been originally assigned to them.

Border marks will not be 'bumped up'. In other words, a 79 is a B+ and will not be 'bumped up' to an A-, unless the student has a good reason to contest his or her mark. 'I studied really hard for this course' or 'I need an A- average', or 'I'm on academic probation and I really need to pass' are not good reasons!

Online Texts:

Plato, *The Republic*, Book 3, paragraphs 412b-415d, Book 4, paragraphs 427d – 434d, Book 6-7, paragraphs 507-521b: http://www.inp.uw.edu.pl/mdsie/Political_Thought/Plato-Republic.pdf

Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, Book 1, sections 7-13 at: <http://classics.mit.edu/Aristotle/nicomachaen.1.i.html>

Augustine, *Confessions*, Book 11, Chapters 13-18 at: <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/110111.htm>

and ---, ***On Two Souls: Against the Manicheans***, Chapters 2, 3, 7, 10, 11 at: <http://www.newadvent.org/fathers/1403.htm>

Niccolo Machiavelli, *The Prince*, Chapters 15-19 at: <http://www.gutenberg.org/files/1232/1232-h/1232-h.htm>

Rene Descartes, *Meditations*, Meditation 1, 2, at: <http://selfpace.uconn.edu/class/percep/DescartesMeditations.pdf>

David Hume, *Enquiry Concerning Human Understanding*, Sections 2, 3, 4, and 5 at: <http://18th.eserver.org/hume-enquiry.html>

Immanuel Kant, *Prolegomena to Any Future Metaphysics*, Preamble, paragraphs 265-280at: http://web.mnstate.edu/gracyk/courses/phil%20306/kant_materials/prolegomena3.htm

and ---, ***Groundwork***, Chapter 2 (parts), p. 14 - 24 at: <http://www.earlymoderntexts.com/assets/pdfs/kant1785.pdf>

Friedrich Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*, Chapter 9, remark 260 at:

<http://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/nietzsche/1886/beyond-good-evil/ch09.htm>

and ---, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra*, Zarathustra's Prologue, at:

<http://www.gutenberg.org/files/1998/1998-h/1998-h.htm>

William James, *Pragmatism: A New Name for Some Old Ways of Thinking, Lecture II:*

<http://www.marx.org/reference/subject/philosophy/works/us/james.htm>

Jean-Paul Sartre, *Existentialism Is a Humanism* at:

<http://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/sartre/works/exist/sartre.htm>

Simone de Beauvoir, *The Second Sex*, Introduction, at:

<http://www.marxists.org/reference/subject/ethics/de-beauvoir/2nd-sex/introduction.htm>

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (Summer 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 3 working days after the scheduled date of your 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 12.0, or <http://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/regulations/academicregulationsoftheuniversity/academicintegrity/>)

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:

May 1	Classes start.
May 8	Last day for registration and course changes for <u>early</u> summer courses.
May 12	Last day for registration and course changes for <u>full</u> summer courses.
May 19	Last day for a full fee adjustment when withdrawing from <u>early</u> and <u>full</u> summer courses.
May 22	Statutory holiday, University closed.
June 6	Last day for tests or examinations in <u>early</u> and <u>full</u> summer courses below the 4000-level before the final examination period.
June 13	Last day for <u>early</u> summer 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 courses that end on this day. Last day for academic withdrawal from <u>early</u> summer courses.
June 19-25	Final examinations.
July 3	Statutory holiday, University closed.
July 4	<u>Late</u> summer courses begin and <u>full</u> summer courses resume.
July 11	Last day for registration and course changes for <u>late</u> summer courses.
July 24	Last day for a full fee adjustment when withdrawing from <u>late</u> summer courses.
Aug. 2	Last day for tests or examinations in <u>full</u> summer courses below the 4000-level before the final examination period.
Aug. 7	Civic holiday, University closed
Aug. 9	Last day for tests or examinations in <u>late</u> summer courses below the 4000-level before the final examination period.
Aug. 16	Last day of <u>late</u> and <u>full</u> summer 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 courses that end on this day. Last day for academic withdrawal from <u>late</u> summer and <u>full</u> summer courses.
Aug. 19-25	Final examinations.

Addresses:

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Academic Advising Centre:	302 Tory www.carleton.ca/academicadvising 520-7850
Writing Services:	4 th Floor, Library http://www.carleton.ca/csas/writing-services/ 520-3822
MacOdrum Library	http://www.library.carleton.ca/ 520-2735