

COURSE OUTLINE: PHIL 1301A
MIND, WORLD AND KNOWLEDGE
Fall 2011: Mon-Wed, 11:35-12:55

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Office Hours: TBA
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Course description:

This is an introduction to philosophical issues concerning epistemology (theory of knowledge) and metaphysics (theory of being.) Topics for 2011 include: the nature of knowledge, scientific understanding, perception, experience, the nature of being, the mental, consciousness.

Precludes additional credit for PHIL 1006 or PHIL 1501.

Required text (available at the Carleton bookstore):

Course-pack

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 be used in lecture and will generally also be made available on WebCT. Please note that slides are *not* a substitute for lectures and readings.

Evaluation:

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

***All term work must be the result of an individual (i.e., non-collaborative) effort**

Two short papers will be due over the course of the semester. You will be assigned either a passage from a text, or a claim from a text, and asked to analyse that passage / claim by reconstructing (and providing a brief evaluation of) the argument in the passage or argument in support of the claim. 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 they are due. Each paper will be worth **20%** of your final grade, for a total of **40%**.

Note: for each paper, you will be expected to hand in *both* a hard copy (see philosophy department policies, on the final page of this course outline) *and* an electronic copy via WebCT.

2. Test (30%)

There will be an *in-class, closed-book* test mid-way through the semester, worth **30%** of your final grade.

3. Final exam (30%)

There will be a formally scheduled examination during final exam period, worth **30%** of your final grade.

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

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/accommodation/>

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Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but are not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD),

psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC, 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that I receive your Letter of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you only require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by the deadlines published on the PMC website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

Important Dates:

Sept. 8	Classes start (after Orientation events).
Sept. 21	Last day for registration and course changes in Fall term and two-term courses.
Sept. 30	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from fall term or two-term courses.
Oct. 7	University Day – no classes.
Oct. 10	Thanksgiving Day – university closed.
Nov. 21	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000 level before the Final Examination period.
Dec. 5	Last day of classes, Fall term. Last day for handing in term assignments, subject to any earlier course deadline.
Dec. 5	Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only).
Dec. 8-21	Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses.
Jan. 4	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. 20	Family Day – university closed
Feb. 20-24	Winter Break, classes suspended.
Mar. 22	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000 level before the Final Examination period.
Apr. 5	Last day of Fall/Winter and Winter term classes. Last day for handing in term assignments, subject to any earlier course deadline.
Apr. 5	Last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter and Winter term courses (academic purposes only).
Apr. 6	Good Friday – university closed.
Apr. 11-24	Final Examinations.

Addresses:

Department of Philosophy:	3A46 Paterson Hall www.carleton.ca/philosophy
Registrar's Office:	520-2110 300 Tory www.carleton.ca/registrar
Student Academic Success Centre:	520-3500 302 Tory www.carleton.ca/sasc
Paul Menton Centre:	520-7850 500 University Centre www.carleton.ca/pmc
Writing Tutorial Service:	520-6608 4 th Floor, Library www.carleton.ca/wts
MacOdrum Library	520-6632 http://www.library.carleton.ca/ 520-2735