

PHIL 1550-A: Introduction to Ethics and Social Issues
September 2nd, 2015 – December 7th, 2015
Professor: Devin Zane Shaw, Ph.D.

Class

Location: Azrieli Theatre (AT) 101
Time: Tuesday, 2:35pm–3:55pm
Thursday, 2:35pm–3:55pm

Office Hours

Location: 329B Paterson Hall
Time: Thursday, 1:30pm–2:30pm
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Course Description

This course is designed to introduce students to ethics and social issues by examining basic concepts of moral philosophy and applying them to concrete problems. We will begin by examining moral frameworks such as consequentialism, utilitarianism, deontology, and feminist ethics. We will evaluate them for their strengths and weaknesses, as well as examine how they employ a variety of argumentative devices in their reasoning. After familiarizing ourselves with these frameworks, we will engage several debates of contemporary and practical relevance, such as world hunger, racial and sexual discrimination, economic justice, and animal rights.

Required Readings

The following required text is available via ARES Library Reserves:

- Jagger, Alison M., 'Globalizing Feminist Ethics,' *Hypatia*, 13/2 (Spring 1998), 7–31.

The following required textbook is available at All Books, 327 Rideau Street (Hours: 11am–9pm, except Sunday: 12pm–9pm):

- LaFollette, Hugh, *Ethics in Practice: An Anthology*. 4th edition (Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2014).

Evaluation:

- Test 1: September 29th (20%)
- Test 2: October 22rd (20%)
- Test 3: November 19th (20%)
- Final Exam: Date, time, and location TBA (40%)

Policies and Procedures:

1. Professionalism: I require that students adopt a professional attitude towards class conduct. Please be on time and wait to leave until class is over. Please do not engage in discussions that are unrelated to class material. Cell phones and pagers should be turned off and calls should be taken after class is over excepting cases of extreme emergency: imminent mortality (birth or death) or imprisonment. Most importantly, I also expect that class discussions are conducted at a respectful and professional level.
2. If you miss an exam, you must notify 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 1st, 1:00pm–2:30pm; Test 2: November 5th, 1:00pm–2:30pm; Test 3: November 26th, 1:00pm–2:30pm. The location is 329B Paterson Hall. **There are no exceptions.**

3. Email to the professor should indicate the name, student number, and course. The subject line should read PHIL 1550A. 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.

Reading Schedule (Subject to Change)

All readings are in LaFollette, *Ethics in Practice*, unless otherwise noted.

Week 1 September 3	Introduction	
Week 2 September 8, 10	Readings 1, 2	Ethical Theory
Week 3 September 15, 17	Readings 3, 4	Ethical Theory
Week 4 September 22 September 24	Jagger, 'Globalizing Feminist Ethics' Review	Ethical Theory
Week 5 September 29 October 1	Test 1 Reading 15	Animal Rights
Week 6 October 6, 8	Readings 16, 17	Animal Rights
Week 7 October 13, 15	Readings 18, 19	Animal Rights
Week 8 October 20 October 22	Review Test 2	
Week 9 October 26–30	Fall Break, No Classes	
Week 10 November 3, 5	Readings 40, 43	Racism/Sexism
Week 11 November 10, 12	Readings 53, 54	Economic Justice
Week 12 November 17 November 19	Reading 55 Test 3	Economic Justice

Week 13
November 24, 26 Readings 57, 58 World Hunger

Week 14
December 1 Reading 59 World Hunger
December 3 Review

December 9–21: Final Exam Period. Date of Final Exam to be announced. 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 (2015-16)

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. 2	Classes start.
Sept. 4	Classes follow a Monday schedule.
Sept. 7	Labour Day - University closed.
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. 12	Thanksgiving Day – University closed.
Oct. 26-30	Fall Break – no classes.
Nov. 24	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Dec. 7	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. 7	Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only).
Dec. 8	No classes or examinations take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
Dec. 9-21	Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses. Exams are normally held all seven days of the week.
Dec. 21	Take-home exams are due.
Jan. 6	Winter term classes begin.
Jan. 19	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. 15-19	Winter Break, no classes.
Mar. 24	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Mar. 25	Good Friday – University closed.
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. 11-23	Final Examinations. Exams are normally held all seven days of the week.
Apr. 23	Take-home exams are due.

Addresses:

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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