

PHIL 1600 The History of Philosophy
Fall and Winter Term, 2011-2012

Wednesday and Friday, 10.05-11.25 a.m.

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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 main objective of this course is to introduce the students to some of the main problems in the three branches in philosophy known as metaphysics (which is concerned with the question of what there is), epistemology (concerned with what we know and how we know it), and ethics (concerned with the questions of the good and just). The second goal of this course is to allow the students to have a glimpse at some of the skills such as critical thinking and analysis, involved in analyzing philosophical texts and writing philosophy essays.

Course Evaluation:

There are two in-class tests for this course (one for each term), each worth 20% of the final mark. In addition, there are two take-home assignments (one for each term), each worth 30% of the final mark. The in-class tests and the final take-home assignments 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. All the assignments will be marked by the Teaching Assistant. If you need to contest a mark, please make the time to see the markers first, before you appeal to the professor. The professor will not look at tests or exams that have not been discussed with the Teaching Assistants first!

Midterm 1 (in-class): Wednesday, October 19, 2011.

Final essay (Fall term): due on Friday, December 2, 2011.

Midterm 2 (in-class): Friday, February 17, 2012.

Final essay (Winter term): due on Wednesday, April 4, 2012.

All the tests 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!

No electronic copies of any of the assignments will be accepted!

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

The Teaching Assistant is responsible for marking all the tests and exams. If a disagreement over a mark occurs, the student needs to see the marker (Teaching Assistant) first and discuss the mark/test/exam. If the disagreement persists, the student can appeal the mark to the professor. However, the professor reserves the right to raise or lower the mark despite the mark that has already been assigned.

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.

Course Description:

This course is an introduction to the work of a selection of major thinkers in the Western philosophical tradition. No previous familiarity with philosophy is presumed. The authors to be considered are: Plato, Aristotle, St. Augustine, Thomas Aquinas, Hildegard von Bingen, Nicholo Machiavelli, René Descartes, David Hume, John Locke, Thomas Hobbes, Immanuel Kant, John-Stuart Mill, Karl Marx, Friedrich Nietzsche, Sigmund Freud, William James, Bertrand Russell, Jean-Paul Sartre, and Simone de Beauvoir.

Online Texts:

Plato, *The Republic*, Book 4, Book 6, and Book 7 at: <http://classics.mit.edu/Plato/republic.html>

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>

Thomas Aquinas, *Summa Theologica*, Question 40 at: <http://www.newadvent.org/summa/3040.htm>

Hildegard von Bingen, excerpt from text to be provided in class

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, 3 at:
http://www.renedescartes.com/meditations/rene_descartes_meditations_006.htm

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

John Locke, *Second Treatise of Government*, Book II, Chapters 1-5, Chapter 10 at:
<http://www.gutenberg.org/etext/7370>

Thomas Hobbes, *De Cive*, Chapter 1 and 2 at: <http://www.constitution.org/th/decive.htm>

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

Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork*, Chapter 2 at: <http://www.earlymoderntexts.com/pdf/kantgw.pdf>

John-Stuart Mill, *Utilitarianism*, Chapters 2, 3 at: <http://www.utilitarianism.com/mill1.htm>

Karl Marx, *The Communist Manifesto*, Sections 1 and 2 at:
<http://www.marxists.org/archive/marx/works/1848/communist-manifesto/>

Friedrich Nietzsche, *Beyond Good and Evil*, Chapter 9, remark 260 at:
<http://www.marxists.org/reference/archive/nietzsche/1886/beyond-good-evil/ch09.htm>

Sigmund Freud, “The Structure of the Unconscious” at:
<http://webpace.ship.edu/cgboer/freudselection.html>

William James, *What Is Pragmatism?* at:
<http://www.marx.org/reference/subject/philosophy/works/us/james.htm>

Bertrand Russell, *The Problems of Philosophy*, Chapters 1, 5, 14, 15 at:
<http://www.ditext.com/russell/russell.html>

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>

Please note that the syllabus will be posted on WebCT. Any additional postings on the course website are considered an official communication between the professor and the students and it is a responsibility of the students to check the web-site regularly and keep up to date with the postings.

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.
- 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:

For Students with Disabilities: 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 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 every term to have a Letter of Accommodation sent to the Instructor by their Coordinator. In addition, students are expected to confirm their need for accommodation with the Instructor no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm. If you require accommodations only for formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, you must request accommodations by the last official day to withdraw from classes in each term.

For Religious Observance: Students requesting academic accommodation on the basis of religious observance should make a formal, written request to their instructors for alternate dates and/or means of satisfying academic requirements. Such requests should be made during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist, but no later than two weeks before the compulsory academic event. Accommodation is to be worked out directly and on an individual basis between the student and the instructor(s) involved. Instructors will make accommodations in a way that avoids academic disadvantage to the student.

Students or instructors who have questions or want to confirm accommodation eligibility of a religious event or practice may refer to the Equity Services website:

<http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/holy-days/>

For Pregnancy: Pregnant students requiring academic accommodations are encouraged to contact an Equity Advisor in Equity Services to complete a *letter of accommodation*. The student must then make an appointment to discuss her needs with the instructor at least two weeks prior to the first academic event in which it is anticipated the accommodation will be required.

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:

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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