

PHIL 2550A: Moral Psychology
Course Outline
Summer 2018

Class Information

Dates: Mondays and Wednesdays

Time: 6:05pm – 8:55pm

Location: Southam Hall, room 515

Course prerequisites: second year standing or one previous course in philosophy

Instructor Information

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Course Description

This course is an examination of the psychological underpinnings of morality. We begin by outlining a number of moral-theoretical frameworks, and subsequently focus on studies at the intersection of philosophy, psychiatry, cognitive science and psychology.

Required Text

Doris, J.M & The Moral Psychology Research Group. (2010). *The Moral Psychology Handbook*. Oxford: Oxford University Press.

You can find this textbook at the campus Bookstore. It is also available on Amazon. Please note that supplementary readings may be made available on cuLearn as the course progresses (see below).

Course Website

The course website can be found on cuLearn (<https://carleton.ca/culearn/>). Here you will find this course outline, our class schedule, PowerPoint slides from lectures, and other supplementary materials that will be made available as we proceed through this course. You will also find the discussion forums, which are a great way for you to ask questions about the course material, share and discuss your own ideas, organize study groups for your tests, and so forth.

While the materials on cuLearn are helpful, they are no substitute for attending lectures. Participation is important for your success in this course. Owing to the nature of the subject matter that we will cover, we will hold regular group discussions, debates, and question/answer sessions during lecture. **These will not be reproduced and posted on cuLearn.** Therefore, you are expected to attend lectures regularly.

Take-Home Quizzes

In this course you will complete 5 take-home quizzes, each worth 4% of your grade (for a total of 20%). The quizzes will be available on cuLearn. Each quiz will consist of a number of multiple choice and true/false questions, and will cover the material from that week's lectures. For example, your first quiz will feature questions on chapters 1 and 2 (July 9 and 11). The quiz must be completed by midnight on July 15.

Special Topics Lecture

Our final lecture will be on a yet-to-be-determined subject that is related to the core concepts you will learn in this course. The idea here is both to apply what you will learn to something novel, and, to explore beyond the course textbook. The class and the instructor will determine a number of possible topics together, and then the class will vote on which topic the instructor will lecture on. Possible subjects include autonomous cars, morality in nonhuman animals, robo-ethics, etc.

Tests and Examinations

In this course you will complete one mid-term examination and one final examination. The mid-term exam will take place in class (July 25th). It is worth 30% of your final grade. Anything covered in class up until the week of the test may appear on the test. The final exam will be a take-home examination. It is worth 40% of your final grade, and is due at midnight on the last day of the exam period (August 24th). You may use your textbook and your lecture notes to answer the questions on the final exam. The first part of the final exam will cover material from after the mid-term test to the end of the course. The second part of the final exam contains questions pertaining to a film that we will watch during our final lecture (TBA). Here, you must apply what you've learned about the psychological underpinnings of morality to answer questions about the moral problems raised in the film.

Evaluation

Item	Weight of Grade	Date
Take-Home Quiz 1	4%	July 15, 11:59PM
Take Home Quiz 2	4%	July 22, 11:59PM
Mid-Term Test	35%	July 25, 2018
Take Home Quiz 3	4%	July 29, 11:59PM
Take Home Quiz 4	4%	August 7, 11:59PM
Take Home Quiz 5	4%	August 12, 11:59PM
Final Take-Home Exam	45%	August 24, 2018 at 11:59PM
TOTAL	100%	---

Lecture Schedule

Date	Lecture Topic	Readings
Week 1 4 July	Introduction and Syllabus	None
Week 2 9 July, 11 July	Evolution of Morality; Multi-System Moral Psychology	Ch. 1; Ch. 2
Week 3 16 July, 18 July	Moral Motivation; Moral Emotions	Ch. 3; Ch. 4
Week 4 23 July, 25 July	Altruism; In Class Mid-Term test	Ch. 5
Week 5 30 July, 1 August	Moral Reasoning; Moral Intuitions	Ch. 6; Ch. 7
Week 6 8 August	Character; Well-Being	Ch. 11; Ch. 12
Week 7 13 August, 15 August	Special Topics Lecture; Take-Home Exam Distributed	TBA

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (Summer 18)

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 on the first page: student name and number; course name and number; instructor's name.
- No assignments will be accepted after the last day for handing in term work – see dates below.
- 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 students are unable to complete term work because of illness or other circumstances beyond their control, they should contact their course instructor no later than *three working days* of the due date. Normally, any deferred term work will be completed by the last day of the term. Term work cannot be deferred by the Registrar.

Deferrals for Final Examinations:

Students are expected to be available for the duration of a course including the examination period. Occasionally, students encounter circumstances beyond their control where they may not be able to write a final examination or submit a take-home examination. Examples of this would be a serious illness or the death of a family member. If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a take-home examination by the due date, you may apply for a deferral no later than *three working days* after the original due date (as per the University Regulations in [Section 2.4, 2.5 and 2.5.1 of the Undergraduate Calendar](#)). Visit the [Registrar's Office](#) for further 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 [Academic Integrity < Carleton University](#))

Academic Accommodation:

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term:

- *Pregnancy or 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
- *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 test or exam requiring accommodation. After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with your professor to ensure accommodation arrangements are made.

Important Dates:

May 7	Classes start.	July 2	Statutory holiday, University closed.
May 14	Last day for registration and course changes for <u>early</u> summer courses.	July 3	Late summer courses begin and full summer courses resume.
May 18	Last day for registration and course changes for <u>full</u> summer courses.	July 10	Last day for registration and course changes for late summer courses.
May 21	Statutory holiday, University closed.	July 23	Last day to withdraw from late summer courses with a full fee adjustment.
May 25	Last day for a full fee adjustment when withdrawing from <u>early</u> and <u>full</u> summer courses. Withdrawals after this date will result in a permanent notation of WDN on the official transcript.		Withdrawals after this date will result in a permanent notation of WDN on the official transcript.
June 12	Last day for summative or final examinations in <u>early</u> summer courses before the official examination period.	Aug. 6	Civic holiday, University closed
June 19	Last day for <u>early</u> summer classes. Last day for handing in term work.	Aug. 8	Last day for summative or final examinations for late or full summer courses before the official examination period.
June 22-28	Final examinations.	Aug. 15	Last day of late and full summer term classes. Classes follow a Monday schedule.
June 28	Take-home examinations for early summer courses are due.		Last day for handing in term work.
			Last day for academic withdrawal from late summer and full summer courses.
		Aug. 18-24	Final examinations.
		Aug. 24	Take-home examinations for late or full summer courses are due.

Useful Contacts:

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