

**PHIL5000
(SPECIAL TOPIC)
READING WITTGENSTEIN
PROFESSOR GERALDINE FINN
PA3A61 EXT 1783**

DESCRIPTION

What is your aim in philosophy?—To shew the fly the way out of the fly-bottle.

This course will introduce students to Wittgenstein's (late) philosophy through a close reading of his *Philosophical Investigations*. The course will be run as a seminar with individual students assuming responsibility for introducing the weekly readings and any other material that is relevant to it. Assessment will be based on seminar participation, essay, and take-home exam.

REQUIRED TEXT

Philosophical Investigations by Ludwig Wittgenstein.

Available from **Allbooks**, 327, Rideau St. (next to the Bytowne Cinema). Open 10:00 am – 9:00 pm Mon-Sat, Noon – 9:00 pm Sun. Tel: 613 789 9544.

RECOMMENDED

How To Read Wittgenstein by Ray Monk. Granta Books, 2005 (available Amazon.ca)
Wittgenstein's Investigations 1 – 133. A Guide and an Interpretation by Andrew Lugg, Routledge 2000 (on RSV at the library).

ATTENDANCE

Attendance will be recorded and one percentage point deducted from your final grade for each absence (up to a maximum of 10%).

EVALUATION (provisional)

Seminar	30%
Essay	30%
Final Exam	40%

SEMINARS: All students are responsible for at least one seminar presentation. Seminar instructions are attached to this outline. The grade for the seminar will be based on the quality of your individual presentation(s) as well as your overall seminar participation throughout the course. Participation includes attentive listening as well as oral contributions informed by careful consideration of the assigned readings and/or other materials relevant to the topic of the course.

ESSAY: Due on or before 19 DECEMBER 2012

12 – 15 double-spaced typed pages on a topic of your choice to be determined in consultation with the professor.

TAKE-HOME EXAM: Due on or before 19 DECEMBER 2012

Distributed in the last class.

OFFICE HOURS: THURSDAYS 12:30 – 1:30 pm and/or by appointment.

COURSE OUTLINE (provisional)

- week 1** **Introduction** and assignment of seminar responsibilities.
- week 2** **Philosophical Investigations I (PI)**
 Preface + # 1 – 43 pp. 2e – 21e
Memorize one or two sections (10 lines minimum)
- week 3** **PI # 44 – 85 pp. 21e – 40e.**
Memorize one or two sections (10 lines minimum)
- week 4** **PI # 86 – 145 pp. 40e – 58e.**
Memorize one or two sections (10 lines minimum)
- week 5** **PI # 146 – 194 pp. 58e – 79e.**
Memorize one or two sections (10 lines minimum)
- week 6** **PI # 195 – 305 pp. 79e – 102e.**
Memorize one or two sections (10 lines minimum)
- week 7** **PI # 306 – 421 pp. 102e – 126e.**
Memorize one or two sections (10 lines minimum)
- week 8** **PI # 422 – 557 pp. 126e – 149e.**
Memorize one or two sections (10 lines minimum)
- week 9** **PI # 558 – 693 pp. 149e – 172e.**
Memorize one or two sections (10 lines minimum)
- week 10** **Merleau-Ponty's *Primacy of Perception* (on RSV)**
 'An Unpublished Text' + 'The Primacy of Perception and Its Philosophical
 Consequences' pp. 13 – 42.
- week 11** **Philosophical Investigations II (PI)**
 PI # i – xi pp. 174e – 200e.
- week 12** **PI # xi – xiv pp. 200e – 232e.**

DISTRIBUTION OF TAKE-HOME EXAM – DUE 19 DECEMBER 2012

INSTRUCTIONS FOR SEMINAR PRESENTATIONS
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1. Identify 2 or 3 aspects of the reading which were the most **interesting** and helpful *to you* and your interests in the context of this course and be prepared to explain and clarify your selection. (Compose one carefully worded paragraph for each point of interest explaining your choice for the 2-page report described in # 4 below.)
2. Identify 2 or 3 aspects of the reading with which you had the most **difficulty** and be prepared to explain why this is so. (Compose one carefully worded paragraph for each point of difficulty clarifying the problems you have with the text for the 2-page report described in # 4 below.)
3. Summarise the **principal argument** of the assigned reading(s) in 2 or 3 sentences.
4. Prepare a 2-page typed, single-space **report** of all of the above to be handed to the instructor at the end of the class (where relevant include page and section references for the lines you chose to memorize).

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (2012-13)

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/acadre/suniv14.html#14.3>)

Academic Accommodation 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 me 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 me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable).

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation>.

Important Dates:

Sept. 6	Classes start (after Orientation events).
Sept. 19	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. 5	University Day – no classes.
Oct. 8	Thanksgiving Day – university closed.
Nov. 19	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Dec. 3	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. 3	Last day to withdraw from Fall term courses (academic purposes only).
Dec. 4-5	No classes take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
Dec. 6-19	Final examinations for Fall courses, mid-terms for Fall/Winter courses.
Dec. 19	Take-home exams are due.
Jan. 7	Winter term classes begin.
Jan. 18	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. 18	Family Day – university closed
Feb. 18-22	Winter Break, classes suspended.
Mar. 27	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below 4000-level before the Final Examination period.
Mar. 29	Good Friday – university closed
Apr. 10	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. NOTE: On this day all classes follow a Friday schedule.
Apr. 10	Last day to withdraw from Fall/Winter and Winter term courses (academic purposes only).
Apr. 11-12	No classes take place. Review classes may be held, but no new material may be introduced.
Apr. 13-27	Final Examinations.
Apr. 27	Take-home exams are due.

Addresses:

Department of Philosophy:	3A46 Paterson Hall www.carleton.ca/philosophy 520-2110
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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