

Fall 2023 – Carleton University
PHIL 5751: Fall Colloquium Course
Location: Richcraft Hall 3224
Time: Various Fridays, 1pm–2:30pm
Course Delivery: In-person

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The expected talk schedule is below. Please keep the 1pm-2:30pm slot on Fridays available throughout the semester, as talks may need to be rescheduled or we may need to meet once or twice.

Course Description:

This course is designed to increase students' skills and capacity engage with philosophy talks and with other professional philosophers. You will:

- (i) attend each of the five colloquium talks in the fall schedule and ask at least three questions throughout the semester during the Q&A sessions (2% per question)
- (ii) read and annotate five of the assigned background readings (one for each talk)
- (iii) write a response paper for each of the five talks, which critically engages with the talk
- (iv) for *one* of the sessions, introduce the speaker, chair the session, and prepare a one-page summary of the background and main issue of the speaker's talk, which is due the day before the talk, which will be circulated to undergraduates. (This assignment is designed to encourage *teacherly* engagement with the material, which is a different professional stance than either audience member or fellow philosopher).

Preclusions: Precludes additional credit for PHIL 5700 (no longer offered).

Learning Outcomes:

Through engagement with this course, you will:

- develop your capacity to critically engage with the content of a philosophy research talk
- improve your ability to articulate your view on a philosophy talk in writing
- build confidence in formulating and asking questions to professional philosophers
- improve your ability to actively engage with philosophical literature
- build your professional and networking skills

Texts:

Readings will be selected by the speakers in advance and will be available through Perusall. You will use this software to annotate the readings together as a group. Your annotations are due the day before each talk at 7pm.

To register for a free Perusall account, please follow this link: <https://app.perusall.com/>. Once you are registered, please enrol in the course BRUFF-ZLU7K.

For further info on how to use Perusall, please see: <https://support.perusall.com/hc/en-us/categories/360002173133-Students>.

In order to earn full points for a given reading assignment, you must make at least three annotations on the reading, one each in the form of a question, comment, and 'mention'.

Evaluation:

Your course mark will be based on the following:

Reading Annotations: 34% (five total)

Readings will be posted in advance of each talk on Perusall, a social annotation software. See the Perusall Guide posted on Brightspace for more information about these assignments and how they will be marked. Annotations are due before the talk begins.

Response Papers: 50% (10% each, five total)

These should be 5-7 pages, double-spaced, excluding references. They are typically due one week after the talk.

Q&A questions throughout the semester: 6% (2% each)

Chairing a session: 10%

More information about this assignment, which includes preparing a preliminary talk background summary, introducing the speaker, and directing Q&A, will be posted on Brightspace.

Course and Fall 2023 Talk Schedule

Please note, talks are in person, and although the schedule is confirmed it is subject to change due to unforeseen circumstances.

All talks are 1pm-230pm in Richcraft Hall 3224 (with the exception of the November 16th talk, which will tentatively take place on a Thursday evening at 6pm).

September 11: *Course Introduction and organizational meeting (Paterson Hall, 3A56)*

September 22: Deborah Poff, Editor, Journal of Scholarly Publishing, Past Chair, Committee on Publication Ethics (COPE)
Response paper due: Sept. 29.

October 20: Kerry O'Neill, McMaster University
Response paper due date: Oct. 27.

October 20, after the talk: *Short meeting and course check-in*

November 3: Kevin Lande, York University
Response paper due: Nov. 10

November 16 (tentatively): Catherine Stinson, Queen's University
Special colloquium talk for World Philosophy Day
Response paper due: Nov. 24.

December 1: Alice MacLachlan, York University
Response paper due: Dec. 8.

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (Fall/Winter 2023-24)

Assignments:

Please follow your professor's instructions on how assignments will be handled electronically. There will be NO hard copies placed in the essay box this coming year.

Evaluation:

Standing in a course is determined by the course instructor subject to the approval of the Faculty Dean. This means that grades submitted by the instructor may be subject to revision. No grades are final until they have been approved by the Dean.

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 Exams:

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 4.3 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. ([Section 10.1 of the Undergraduate Calendar Academic Regulations](#))

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 [EDC](#) 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.

- *Survivors of Sexual Violence:* As a community, Carleton University is committed to maintaining a positive learning, working and living environment where sexual violence will not be tolerated, and where survivors are supported through academic accommodations as per [Carleton's Sexual Violence Policy](#).
- *Accommodation for [Student Activities](#):* Carleton University recognizes the substantial benefits, both to the individual student and for the university, that result from a student participating in activities beyond the classroom experience. Reasonable accommodation must be provided to students who compete or perform at the national or international level. Please contact your instructor 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.

Important Dates:

Sept. 6	Classes start.
Sept. 19	Last day for registration and course changes for fall term and fall/winter (two-term) courses.
Sept. 30	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from fall term or two-term courses. Withdrawals after this date will result in a permanent notation of WDN on the official transcript.
Oct. 9	Statutory holiday. University closed.
Oct. 23-27	Fall Break – no classes.
Nov. 24	Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade, before the official examination period.
Dec. 8	Last day of fall term classes. <i>Classes follow a Monday schedule.</i> Last day for academic withdrawal from fall term courses. 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 a fall term course.
Dec. 10-22	Final examinations for fall term courses and mid-term examinations in two-term courses. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.
Dec. 22	All take-home examinations are due.
Jan. 8	Classes begin.
Jan. 19	Last day for registration and course changes in the winter term.
Jan. 31	Last day for a full fee adjustment when withdrawing from winter term courses or from the winter portion of two-term courses. Withdrawals after this date will result in a permanent notation of WDN on the official transcript.
Feb. 19	Statutory holiday. University closed.
Feb. 19-23	Winter Break – no classes.
Mar. 15	Last day for academic withdrawal from fall/winter and winter courses.
Mar. 27	Last day for summative tests or examinations, or formative tests or examinations totaling more than 15% of the final grade, in winter term or fall/winter courses before the official examination period.
Mar. 29	Statutory holiday. University closed.
Apr. 10	Last day of two-term and winter term classes. <i>Classes follow a Friday schedule.</i> Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for two-term and for winter term courses.
Apr. 11-12	No classes or examinations take place.
Apr. 13-25	Final examinations for winter term and two-term courses. Examinations are normally held all seven days of the week.

Apr. 25 All take-home examinations are due.

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<http://www.carleton.ca/csas/writing-services/>
520-3822

MacOdrum Library
<http://www.library.carleton.ca/>
520-2735