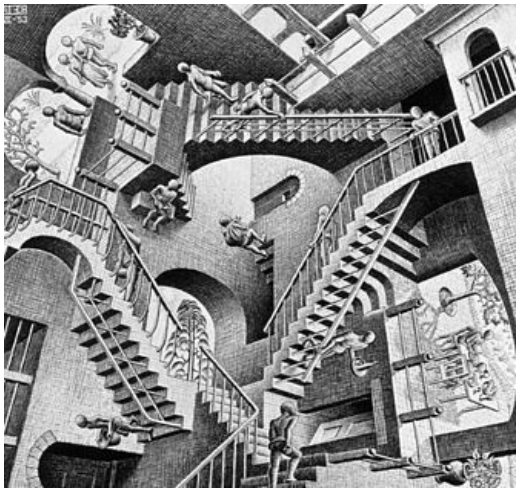
Carleton UNIVERSITY

PHIL 3150
Metaphysics



Fall 2015
Course Outline

I. Admin

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Course Schedule: http://goo.gl/z9bc6

II. Description

This course is an introduction to contemporary analytic metaphysics. We will explore questions about composition, properties, modality, and time.

III. Prerequisites

Registration in an Honors or Combined Honors Philosophy program, the Philosophy, Ethics and Public Affairs program, or permission by the Department.

IV. Readings

Except for the readings marked [www] on the Course Schedule, which can be downloaded through the electronic library, all other readings can be found in J. Kim, D. Z. Korman, and E. Sosa (eds.) *Metaphysics: An Anthology* (2nd edition), Wiley-Blackwell, 2011 (ISBN-10: 1444331027) (which can be purchased at the Carleton Bookstore).

Please bring the readings to class with you as we may need to consult the text from time to time.

V. Assignments and Grading

a. Two Quizzes (each worth 10% of your final grade)**;**

b. Three Assignments (the best of which worth 40% of your final grade, the other two 20%).

Please see the Course Schedule for quiz dates and assignment deadlines.

VI. Policies

Attendance. Attendance is very strongly recommended (please be aware that, if you don't come to class regularly and pay attention to what's going on, you are very unlikely to do well in this course!). If you are absent, you are responsible for finding out what has been covered in class and for any course-related announcements. If unforeseen circumstances are preventing you from attending class regularly, it is your responsibility to inform me as soon as possible.

Readings. Before each class, you are responsible for consulting the Course Schedule to find the readings for that class and for reading each of them carefully and attentively. Please be aware that, if you don't do the readings, you are very unlikely to do well in this course.

Communications. You are responsible for checking regularly your Carleton e-mail account for course-related messages and announcements. You are also responsible for checking regularly the Course Schedule for any changes or updates.

Assignments. Instructions for each assignment will be sent to your Carleton e-mail account about two weeks before the assignment is due. *Please follow those instructions very carefully, as failure to do so may result in penalties*. If you have not received the instructions for an assignment two weeks prior to the deadline for that assignment, it is your responsibility to contact me contact me as soon as possible to let me know.

The deadline for each assignment is at 11:59pm of the day the assignment is due (see Course Schedule for assignment deadlines). Unless I have granted you an extension in writing (see below), 5 points will be subtracted from your grade for every day the assignment is late. Late assignments will be marked but not commented upon in writing. If you wish to receive feedback on a late assignment, please make an appointment with me to discuss it.

Each assignment must be exclusively the work of the individual student submitting it. All sources must be properly referenced. Please be aware that plagiarism and unauthorized collaboration are very serious academic offences (see below) and that I am bound to report any suspected academic offence directly to the Office of the Dean.

Please note that failing to submit an assignment will result in a 0% on that assignment.

Drafts. While I am happy to answer any general questions about you might have about your assignments, please note that I am not able to provide any feedback on draft assignments.

Quizzes. The quizzes are multiple-choice quizzes. Each quiz will have either 6 or 9 questions and will be graded according to the following grading scheme:

Number of Correct Answers	0/6	1/6	2/6	3/6	4/6	5/6	6/6
Grade	0	28	50	64	76	88	100

Please note that, barring extraordinary circumstances (e.g. documented illness or emergency), *missing a quiz will result in a 0% on that quiz.*

Extensions. Extensions will be granted only in *extraordinary* circumstances (e.g. documented illness or family emergency) *and* only if the extension is requested *in writing before* the assignment deadline. If you think you will need an extension, please contact me as soon as possible by e-mail.

Academic Integrity. You are responsible for ensuring that you understand the nature of academic offences (such as plagiarism and unauthorized collaboration), as defined in the Undergraduate Calendar (see http://calendar.carleton.ca/undergrad/regulations/academicregulationsoftheuniversity/acadregsuniv14/), and to avoid both committing them and aiding or abetting academic offences perpetrated by other students Please be aware that I am bound to report any suspected academic offence directly to the Office of the Dean.

Final Grades. *All final grades are subject to the approval of the Dean.*

VII. Course Schedule

The Course Schedule can be found online at http://goo.gl/z9bc6. On it you can find out what the readings for each class are and how to access

them, as well as other important course information, such as quiz dates and assignment deadlines. Please check the Course Schedule regularly for any changes or updates.

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.

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520-3500

Student Academic Success Centre: 302 Tory www.carleton.ca/sasc
520-7850

Writing Tutorial Service: 4th Floor, Library
http://www1.carleton.ca/sasc/writing-tutorial-service/
520-6632

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