



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 609.48 Lec 01
Topics in the History of Philosophy - Charles Sanders Peirce

Winter Term 2017
Course Outline

Lectures: Wednesday 4:00-6:45 in ST 027

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Course Description

A study of the philosophy of Charles Sanders Peirce.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Broad knowledge of the diverse philosophical issues, problems, and views discussed by Peirce.
- Deep knowledge of Peirce's thought.
- Ability to critically digest, interpret, and analyze Peirce's work.
- Ability to write a convincing argument that takes adequate account of alternative positions.
- Ability to engage in constructive, respectful, oral and written argumentation.
- Ability to distinguish between scientific philosophy and scientistic philosophy.
- Ongoing engagement with the issues on which Peirce made substantial contributions.

Required/Recommended Texts (including electronic resources):

Available at Shelf Life Books, 1304 4th St. SW.

Required

The Essential Peirce Volume 1, ed. Nathan Houser and Christian Kloesel. Indiana University Press, 1992

The Essential Peirce, Volume 2, ed. the Peirce Edition Project. Indiana University Press, 1998

Recommended

Illustrations in the Logic of Science ed. Cornelis de Waal, Open Court, Carus Publishing, 2014

Course Assessment

FOOD FOR THOUGHT on material covered in weeks one to three: 10%, due Tuesday, January 31

Term Paper: 70% due Friday, April 21.

Class participation: 20% (to be assessed on contributions to discussion and a class presentation)

There will be no Registrar scheduled final exam.

In cases of a significant, steadily rising trajectory, later work will be weighted more heavily than earlier work.

To calculate your grade as you go along, I will be using the following correspondences:

A+ 90-100	B+ 75-79	C+ 60-64	D+ 45-49
A 85-89	B 70-74	C 55-59	D 40-44
A- 80-84	B- 65-69	C- 50-54	F 0-39

Late paper and take-home policy: In general, a medical reason is required if you are to turn in work late without penalty. I will, though, entitle each student to two days of grace period to be used at your discretion throughout the semester. That way you do not need to request permission for those days. Late work beyond the two days will be penalized at the rate of 1% per day.

Syllabus

Wks 1-3: Series of three papers published in *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 1868.

Wk 4: Review of Fraser' edition of the *Works of Berkeley*, 1870.

Wks 5-7: First three (at least) of the six "Illustrations in the Logic of Science", 1879.

Wks 8-13: To be determined by student interest.

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