

## Philosophy 249 Lec 03 – “Morality, Virtue and Society”

Winter Term 2016

### Course Outline

**Lectures: TuTh 9:30 – 10:45; KNB 126**

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### ***Course Description***

This course is an introduction to moral philosophy. There are different sorts of moral appraisal. Some concern the evaluation of actions; for example, what makes right acts right? Others concern the evaluation of character. When is a person virtuous? Yet others concern the evaluation of persons. Under what conditions, for instance, is a person blameworthy for something? Still others concern the assessment of lives. When is a life good in itself for a person? We will examine moral theories of each of these types of appraisal.

### ***Required Texts***

- (1) James Rachels, *The Elements of Moral Philosophy* (8th Edition).
- (2) Online readings posted on D2L.

### ***Evaluation***

There will be two in-class quizzes and a one-hour, closed-book Registrar-scheduled final exam, each worth 25% of the total grade. In addition, there will be one paper, to be submitted in class, again worth 25% of the total grade. Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in evaluation. Writing should be clear, coherent, and to the point. There will be *no* provisions for “extra-credit.” A passing grade on any particular component of the course is not required for a pass in the course as a whole.

Tentative Assignment Dates:

Quiz 1 (in class, closed-book)	Th Feb. 4
Paper 1 (to be submitted in class)	Th March 3
Quiz 2 (in class, closed-book)	Th March 17
Final Exam (closed-book)	Registrar-scheduled

### ***Grading Method***

Conversion of Number Grades into Percentage Grades:

A+ = 99-100; A = 98-92; A- = 91-89; B+ = 88-86; B = 85-82; B- = 81-77; C+ = 76-73; C = 72-68; C- = 67-63; D+ = 62-58; D = 57-50; F = 49-0.

### ***Policy on Late Assignments***

No late papers will be accepted and you will not be able to take a quiz at any time other than the time at which it is scheduled without official and adequate documentation.

### Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offence, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment, an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw from the University. See the relevant sections on 'Academic Misconduct' in the current University Calendar. Intellectual honesty requires that your work include adequate referencing to sources. Plagiarism occurs when you do not acknowledge or correctly reference your sources. If you have questions about correct referencing, consult your instructor.

### Academic Accommodation

Students seeking an accommodation based on disability or medical concerns should contact Student Accessibility Services. SAS will process the request and issue letters of accommodation to instructors. For more information on support services and accommodations for students with disabilities, visit <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/>. Students who require accommodation in relation to their coursework based on a protected ground other than disability should communicate this need in writing to their instructor. The full policy on student accommodations is available at [http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy\\_0.pdf](http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy_0.pdf)

### D2L Help

Desire2Learn is the University of Calgary's online learning management system. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/it/services/d2l> for help.

### Student Advising and Information Resources

- **General Academic Concerns and Program Planning**— Have a question but not sure where to start? The Arts Students' Centre is your information resource for everything in the Faculty of Arts. Drop in at SS102, call 403-220-3580, or email [ascarts@ucalgary.ca](mailto:ascarts@ucalgary.ca). Advisors in the ASC can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. Visit the Faculty of Arts website at <https://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> for detailed information on common academic concerns.
- **Advice on Philosophy Courses** - You may find answers to your more specific questions about a philosophy degree on the Department of Philosophy's website <http://phil.ucalgary.ca> or contact one of Philosophy's current Undergraduate Advisors (see below)
- **Registration Overload/Prereq Waivers** – If you are seeking to register in a Philosophy course that is full or to get permission to waive the prereqs for a course, email the instructor of the course.

### Protection of Privacy

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act. The Department of Philosophy ensures the student's right to privacy by requiring all graded assignments be returned to the student directly from the instructor or teaching assistant.

### Safewalk

Call 403-220-5333 (24/7/365) for a Safewalk volunteer to accompany you safely to your destination on campus including parking lots, housing, and the LRT station or use a Campus Help Phone.

#### PHILOSOPHY DEPARTMENT

The Department of Philosophy is located on the 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Social Sciences Building and on the web at [www.phil.ucalgary.ca](http://www.phil.ucalgary.ca)

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