



UNIVERSITY OF  
CALGARY

FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

## PHIL 301 Lec 1 – “The Classical Period”

Winter Term 2014

### Course Outline

**Lectures:** Tuesdays and Thursdays, 2:00-3:15pm, Science A Building, Room 119

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### **Course Description**

This course will introduce you to some of the philosophical theories and arguments of Socrates, Plato, and Aristotle, as well as those of several “Presocratic” philosophers. We will consider their views on topics in ethics, moral psychology, epistemology, and metaphysics.

### **Required Texts**

*Readings in Ancient Greek Philosophy: From Thales to Aristotle*, edited by Cohen, Curd, and Reeve. Hackett, 4th Revised Edition (ISBN-13: 978-1603844628)

### **Evaluation**

This course includes three kinds of evaluation: homework assignments, a take-home final exam, and class participation. A passing grade on each of the two main components of the course—homework assignments and exam—is essential for passing the course as a whole. Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work for this course. (For further explanation, see the University Calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>) There is no Registrar-scheduled final exam.

#### 1. 18 Short Homework Assignments (75%)

- a. Assignments will typically consist of reconstructing or evaluating a short argument from the assigned text for that day.
- b. Homework assignments will be posted on Blackboard for each class. You must complete 18, and only 18, of these assignments, and you must complete at least 10 assignments by the end of February (week 8).
- c. All students must complete the homework assignment about Plato’s Allegory of the Cave, tentatively due on February 27<sup>th</sup>.
- d. These assignments must be typed and printed out in 12-point font.
- e. As we discuss these assignments in class, you may correct by hand any errors you have made, and you will receive partial credit for these corrections.
- f. One purpose of these assignments is to enable sophisticated engagement with the lecture. So, assignments will be due at the beginning of class on the day on which they are due, and emailed assignments and assignments submitted by another person will not be accepted.

2. Take-home Final Exam due April 11<sup>th</sup> (15%)

The open-book final exam, to be submitted via Blackboard, will consist of short concept-identification questions and short essay questions. The exam will be distributed on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

3. Class Participation (10%)

Class participation includes participation in classroom discussion, office hour visits, and email correspondence with me about the material of the course. You should aim to participate in some way at least once every week, on average.

### **Grading Method**

There will be 400 points possible. Grades are converted as follows:

385-400 = A+	340-354 = B+	295-309 = C+	250-264 = D+
370-384 = A	325-339 = B	280-294 = C	235-249 = D
355-369 = A-	310-324 = B-	265-279 = C-	<235 = F

Students on the borderline will be bumped up only if they have completed all 18 assignments and their final exam reflects the higher score.

### **Policy on Late Assignments**

Homework assignments are due at the beginning of class. Late assignments will not be accepted except in the event of a personal emergency.

### **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**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a permanent disability or temporary impairment who may require academic accommodation, you must first register with the Student Accessibility Resource Office located in MacEwan Student Centre 452; phone 403-220-8237; email [access@ucalgary.ca](mailto:access@ucalgary.ca). Students who have not registered with the Student Accessibility Office are not eligible for academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/> for further information.

### **Blackboard Help**

Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/computersupport/online services/blackboard> for Student Help and FAQs about Blackboard. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are available at <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/blackboard/students>.

### **Student Advising and Information Resources**

- General Academic Concerns and Program Planning– Have a question but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts' Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts. Drop in at SS110, call 403-220-3580, or email [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca). Advisors in the PIC Office can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. You can visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undersgraduate> 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.

### **Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representatives**

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial, and confidential support for students who require assistance or advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. For more information, see [www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds](http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds). For the Students' Union Faculty of Arts rep: [arts1@ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@ucalgary.ca).

### **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  
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