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FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

**PHIL 325 Lec 01 - Law and Morality  
Spring Term 2017**

**Course Outline**

**Lectures: M/W 9:00 am - 11:45 am in PF 114**

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**Course Description**

This is a survey course in the philosophy of law. It will explore general theoretical issues in law and morality, including the foundations of legal authority, the nature of the law, and the relationship between law and morality. This will also include a consideration of theories of jurisprudence, theories of statutory interpretation, and theories of punishment. Beyond considering the theoretical debate, this course also aims to consider how general theoretical issues arise, and are reflected in the actual practices of our contemporary legal institutions. This will involve considering, among other things, recent legal debates, and decisions by Judges in Canadian Courts – for example in civil, criminal, and constitutional law cases.

**Course Learning Outcomes**

- Obtain a general understanding of the theoretical issues related to the foundations of legal authority, the nature of law, and the relationship between law and morality.
- Identify specific theories and philosophical traditions which attempt to address these issues.
- Develop the comprehensive tools necessary to identify key points of dispute and matters in issue as between various theories, traditions, and proponents thereof.
- Display the critical abilities necessary to interpret, analyse, and critically assess these theories and traditions.
- Exhibit an understanding of the practical implications of these theoretical problems, specifically, how they have historically influenced the development of law, and how they continue to be expressed in practice within our contemporary legal and democratic institutions.
- Develop the ability to write a convincing argument that displays an understanding of the material, the relative strengths and weakness of particular arguments, and original insight into these topics.
- Display the ability to engage in constructive, respectful, oral and written discussion and argumentation.

**Required Text**

Susan Dimock, *Classic Readings and Cases in the Philosophy of Law*.

## Assignments and Dates

The final grade will be determined on the basis of two papers, a mid-term exam, and a final (in-class) exam. Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work for this course. There will NOT be a Registrar-scheduled final exam. Papers are due before 4 pm on the date indicated below in the drop-box labelled for this course and located in the main hallway of the Philosophy Department (12th floor, Social Sciences Building).

<b>Mid-term Exam in class Monday, June 5, 2017</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Paper due by Wednesday, Friday, June 16, 2017</b>	<b>35%</b>
<b>Group Presentations, in-class June 26, 2017</b>	<b>20%</b>
<b>Group Participation</b>	<b>10%</b>

## Late Policy

Late work will be accepted on a case-by-case basis, although usually subject to some penalty.

## Marking Scheme

I will use letter grades, from D to A+, on all assignments. The final grade will be assessed by using the GPA equivalents, with the following distribution:

A+=4.3, A=4.0, A-=3.7, B+=3.3, B=3.0, B-=2.7, C+=2.3, C=2.0, C-=1.7, D+=1.3, D=1.0, F=0

So, for example, a student who received a B on the mid-term exam, an A- on the paper, a B+ on the group presentation and a B+ for group participation would receive a final grade of B+  $((3.0 \times 0.35) = 1.05 + (3.7 \times 0.35) = 1.30 + (3.3 \times 0.20) = 0.66 + (3.3 \times 0.10) = 0.33) = 3.34$ , rounded down to 3.3 is a B+. GPA scores will be calculated to 1 decimal place.

## IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

### 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 <https://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>

### D2L Help

Desire2Learn is UCalgary's online learning management system. Important information and communications about this course may be posted on D2L. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/it/services/d2l> for help.

## **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 Undergraduate Advisors. Jeremy Fantl ([jfantl@ucalgary.ca](mailto:jfantl@ucalgary.ca)), Reid Buchanan ([buchanar@ucalgary.ca](mailto:buchanar@ucalgary.ca)), Megan Delehanty ([mdelehan@ucalgary.ca](mailto:mdelehan@ucalgary.ca)).

## **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 Department Manager, Tram Nguyen ([tram.nguyen1@ucalgary.ca](mailto:tram.nguyen1@ucalgary.ca)). Include the specific course information and your UCID number in your request.

## **Writing**

This course will include written assignments. Faculty policy directs that all written assignments (including, although to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented. Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services and other Student Success Centre Services, located on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library. Writing Support Services assist with a variety of assignments, from essays to lab reports. Students can book 30-minute one-on-one appointments online, sign up for 15- minute drop-in appointments, and register for a variety of writing workshops. For more information on this and other Student Success Centre services, please visit [www.ucalgary.ca/ssc](http://www.ucalgary.ca/ssc) .

## **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.

## **Internet and Electronic Communication Devices**

The instructor reserves the right to establish course policies regarding the use of devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartbooks. If allowed, these devices must be used exclusively for instructional purposes and must not cause disruption to the instructor or to fellow students. Cell phones and paging devices should be set to silent mode during lectures. Audio or video recording of lectures is not permitted without the written permission of the instructor. Students violating this policy are subject to discipline under the University of Calgary's Non-Academic Misconduct policy

## **Emergency Evacuation:**

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints> . Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

## **Other Helpful Contacts**

- Safewalk and Campus Security: 403-220-5333.
- Faculty of Arts Student Representatives: 403-220-6552, [arts1@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@su.ucalgary.ca) , [arts2@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts2@su.ucalgary.ca) , [arts3@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts3@su.ucalgary.ca) , [arts4@su.ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts4@su.ucalgary.ca) .
- Student Ombudsman: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>