PHIL 315 Lec 01
Philosophy in Literature
Winter term 2022
MWF 12:00-12:50, MS 319[*]

COURSE OUTLINE

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COURSE INFORMATION

The course will explore topics pertaining to literary philosophy and philosophical literature. Texts will be examined concerning the relationship of truth with questioning and answering. Other topics to be considered include: philosophy and parable; philosophy, literature, and the notion of "nothing"; desire; morality and freedom; law and freedom; language and the body; nature and truth; humans and non-human animals.

PREREQUISITE(S)

None

COURSE OBJECTIVES/LEARNING OUTCOMES

- We will carefully read, discuss, and analyze the assigned readings.
- Students will be expected to interpret and to comprehend **quite challenging texts**. No text will be an "easy read."
- Students will be trained to encounter ideas, and analyze writings, that are from non-Anglo-American cultural settings and are translated from Portuguese or German into English.
- Students will be expected to write clearly, concisely, and coherently on the basis of **careful reading of the assigned texts**.
- Students will further develop their competence in the presentation of written ideas; this will include **clear and complete referencing practices**.
- Student's essays will demonstrate the ability of the student to integrate careful reading of the texts into the **themes that have been discussed in the classes**.
- Students will be encouraged to contribute clearly, effectively, and respectfully to **class discussions**.
- Students will be strongly discouraged from using websites in their research for the course. Rarely will a website be helpful for students' work in this course, and often usage of websites will do damage to the work to be done.

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[*] **In late March-early April, it is possible that for approximately two weeks the instructor will be out of the country for professional reasons. Recordings of lectures will then be posted on D2L.**

REQUIRED TEXTBOOKS
It is essential that students use the translations and the editions listed below; this includes any e-books students might decide to use. Failure to use the assigned editions and translations will automatically result in an F (=0) for the paper.

1. Clarice Lispector, *The Passion According to G.H.* Trans. Idra Novey. New Directions, ISBN-13: 978-0811219686 (paperback).

2. Franz Kafka, *Kafka's Selected Stories*. Trans. Stanley Corngold. W.W. Norton, ISBN-13: 978-0393924794 (paperback).

3. Friedrich Nietzsche, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra: A Book for None and All*. Trans. Walter Kaufmann. Penguin Books, ISBN-13: 978-0140047486 (paperback).

All books are available in the bookstore.

COURSE ASSESSMENT AND EVALUATION
Assessment Components and Grading Scheme
- **First essay: 1000 words** (give or take 100), worth **25%** of final grade, due in D2L on **Friday, Feb. 4.**
- **Second essay: 1100 words** (give or take 100), worth **30**% of final grade, due in D2L **on Friday, March 11**.
- **Third essay: 1200 words** (give or take 100), worth **35%** of final grade, due in D2L on **Tuesday, April 12.**
- **Class Participation**: Worth **10%** of final grade. This grade will be based on constructive and respectful contributions to class discussions. These contributions should indicate that you have been attentive during the classes and have been reading attentively.
- There will be **NO** Registrar-Scheduled Final Examination.

Letter grades will be given. Those grades will be based on the following numerical system.

A+ = 90-100%
A   = 85-89%
A- = 80-84%
B+ = 77-79%
B   = 74-76%
B- = 70-73%
C+ = 67-69%
C   = 64-66%
C- = 60-63%
D+ = 55-59%
D   = 50=54%
F   = 0-49%

Writing and the grading thereof is a very significant factor in the evaluation of your work. For further explanation, see the University Calendar: http://ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html

Late papers will receive a grade reduction (A to A-, A- to B+, and so on) unless an extension has been negotiated before the deadline. A paper submitted after an extended deadline will be subject to the same policy of grade reduction. **No papers will be accepted after the final grades have been submitted to the**

Department and the Registrar. Papers may **only** be submitted in D2L. **Papers sent by email will not be accepted, unless the instructor has requested that the paper be sent this way.**

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Academic Accommodations
It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodations according to the University policies and procedures. The student accommodation policy can be found at ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Student-Accommodation-Policy.pdf.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities: ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Accommodation-for-Students-with-Disabilities-Procedure.pdf. Students needing an Accommodation in relation to their coursework or to fulfil requirements for a graduate degree, based on a protected ground other than disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their instructor.

Absence or Missed Course Assessments
Students who are absent from class assessments (tests, participation activities, or other assignments) should inform their instructors as soon as possible. If the reason provided for the absence is acceptable, instructors may decide that any arrangements made can take forms other than make-up tests or assignments. For example, the weight of a missed grade may be added to another assignment or test.

Student Support and Resources
Full details and information about the following resources can be found at ucalgary.ca/current-students/student-services

- Wellness and Mental Health Resources
- Student Success Centre
- Student Ombuds Office
- Student Union (SU) Information
- Graduate Students' Association (GSA) Information
- Emergency Evacuation/Assembly Points
- Safewalk

Academic Advising
If you are a student in the Faculty of Arts, you can speak to an academic advisor in the Arts Students' Centre about course planning, course selection, registration, program progression and more. Visit the Faculty of Arts website at https://arts.ucalgary.ca/current-students/undergraduate/academic-advising for contact details and information regarding common academic concerns.

For questions specific to the philosophy program, please visit arts.ucalgary.ca/philosophy. Further academic guidance is available by contacting Jeremy Fantl (Undergraduate Program Director jfantl@ucalgary.ca) or David Dick (Honours Advisor dgdick@ucalgary.ca).

Writing Assessment and Support
The assessment of all written assignments—and, to a lesser extent, written exam responses—is based in part on writing skills. This includes correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.), as well as general clarity and organization. Research papers must include a thorough and accurate citation of sources. Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services for assistance. For more information, and other services offered by the Student Success Centre, please visit ucalgary.ca/student-services/student-success.

Required Technology
In order to successfully engage in their learning experiences at the University of Calgary, students taking online, remote, and blended courses are required to have reliable access to the following technology:
- A computer with a supported operating system, as well as the latest security, and malware updates;
- A current and updated web browser;
- Webcam (built-in or external);
- Microphone and speaker (built-in or external), or headset with microphone;
- Current antivirus and/or firewall software enabled;
- Broadband internet connection.

Most current laptops will have a built-in webcam, speaker and microphone.

Responsible Use of D2L
Important information and communication about this course will be posted on D2L (Desire2Learn), UCalgary's online learning management system. Visit https://ucalgary.service-now.com/it for how-to information and technical assistance.

All users of D2L are bound by the guidelines on the responsible use of D2L posted here: https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/commitment-to-the-responsible-use-of-d2l/. The instructor may establish additional specific course policies for D2L, Zoom, and any other technologies used to support remote learning. Instructional materials, including audio or video recordings of lectures, may not be posted outside of the course D2L site. Students violating this policy are subject to discipline under the University of Calgary's Non-Academic Misconduct policy.

Media Recording
Please refer to the following statement on media recording of students: https://elearn.ucalgary.ca/wp-content/uploads/2020/05/Media-Recording-in-Learning-Environments-OSP_FINAL.pdf

Academic Misconduct/Honesty
Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is as an extremely serious academic offense, the penalty for which will be an F on the assignment or an F in the course, and possibly a disciplinary sanction such as probation, suspension, or expulsion. For information on academic misconduct and its consequences, please see the University of Calgary Calendar at ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/k.html.

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 referencing, please consult your instructor.

University Policies
The Instructor Intellectual Property Policy is available at ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Intellectual-Property-Policy.pdf

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial Freedom of Information and Protection of Privacy (FOIP) Act, as outlined at https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/access-information-privacy. The instructor (or TA) must return graded assignments *directly* to the student UNLESS written permission to do otherwise has been provided.

All students are required to read the University of Calgary policy on Acceptable Use of Material Protected by Copyright (https://www.ucalgary.ca/legal-services/sites/default/files/teams/1/Policies-Acceptable-Use-of-Material-Protected-by-Copyright-Policy.pdf) and requirements of the copyright act (https://laws-lois.justice.gc.ca/eng/acts/C-42/index.html).