



UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 347 Lec 01
“Contemporary Moral Problems

Fall Term 2015

Course Outline

Lectures: MF 8:00-9:15 MS 319

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Course Description

This course will cover the following disputed ethical issues: genetic enhancement; euthanasia and assisted suicide; world hunger and poverty; ethical treatment of animals; and the environment and consumption. These issues have been selected to illustrate various moral considerations including the value of life, our relations to distant others and the scope of our moral obligations. Course objectives include increased awareness of moral issues, acquiring conceptual tools to think about moral problems and learning to think critically about moral issues.

Required Texts

PHIL 347-Contemporary Moral Problems, Custom Text, Pearson

Course Requirements

4 critical responses These will be graded pass/fail and you must successfully complete 4 of them to get full points. (4/4=100, 3/4=75, 2/4=50 and 1/4=25). There will be several opportunities to complete critical responses, hence there will be some choice in the due dates. However, the first one must be handed in no later than September 28 and they must all be completed no later than December 7. All are due at the beginning of the relevant class.	25%
3 reflective engagement assignments. There will be four assignments given and you will choose three of them. The due dates for these assignments are October 16, November 2, November 20 and December 7. Due at the beginning of class.	30%
1 term paper Due by noon Friday December 11 in the drop box in the Philosophy Department	45%

All requirements must be passed in order to pass the class. There will not be a Registrar-scheduled final exam.

Evaluation of writing is an important component of the grade in this class.

Late assignments:

Missed exams require documented medical or other reasons. Late written assignments will be penalized at the rate of 5% per day unless documented medical or other reasons are presented.

Letter Grade Conversion Table

For purposes of calculation the following scale will be used.

99-100=A+	85-89=B+	70-74=C+	54-59=D+
94-98=A	80-84=B	65-69=C	50-54=D
90-93=A-	75-79=B-	60-64=C-	<50=F

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

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. 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 12th floor of the Social Sciences Building and on the web at www.phil.ucalgary.ca

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