



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 361 Lec 20
“Evidence”
Spring Term 2011

Course Outline

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Lectures: Mon & Wed 1400 – 1645, SB 105
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Course Description:

This course examines some philosophical issues concerning evidence. How is evidence related to justification, responsible action, knowledge and truth? Is there a tension between what philosophers have identified as exemplars of evidence (e.g., sense-data, beliefs, propositions) and with what is considered to be evidence in non-philosophical contexts (e.g., a bloodied knife)? What role does evidence play in science, theoretical matters in religion, and the law?

Required Text:

The readings for this course will be made available on Blackboard. Most of the readings are articles that are available online, e.g., JSTOR.

Course Evaluation:

The final grade will be determined by two in class tests and one take home test. These tests will involve writing essays on assigned topics. Policy on missed in class tests and late take home tests: zero will be the assigned grade unless a university approved justification is provided. *Take home tests will not be accepted via email under any circumstances.* There is no Registrar-scheduled final exam for this course.

Test 1	May 30	30 %
Test 2	June 13	35 %
Take Home Test	Due: June 24	35 %

Letter Grade Conversion Table

A+	96-100 %	C+	67-69.9 %
A	91-95.9 %	C	64-66.9 %
A-	86-90.9 %	C-	60-63.9 %
B+	80-85.9 %	D+	55-59.9 %
B	75-79.9 %	D	50-54.9 %
B-	70-74.9 %	F	0-49.9 %

INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, 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 and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- *the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test;*
- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal 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.

STUDENTS' UNION REPRESENTATIVES

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