



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 383 Lec 01 - Philosophy and Psychology

Fall 2016

REVISED Course Outline

Lectures: TuTh 11.00-12.15 in SA 017

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Course Description

We'll begin by considering what kinds of things are mental. Then we'll look at three topics at the intersection of philosophy and psychology—the explanation of action, self-deception, and emotion. The rest of the course will be taken up with the mind-body problem, or more generally with the question of how mental and physical phenomena are related. We'll look at classical substance dualism, and materialist theories identifying mental states with brain states. We will consider whether the relation between mind and body is analogous to the relation between a computer programme and the hardware that runs it. We'll discuss why consciousness exists at all, and investigate the possibility of artificial intelligence and artificial consciousness.

Required Reading

A package of readings is available at Bound and Copied

Course Requirements

Two papers 1200-1500 words (4-5 pages) worth 30% of the final grade each due Friday Oct 21 and Friday Dec 9, a take-home midterm worth 15% due Friday Oct 14, and a Registrar-scheduled final exam worth 25%.

Final grades will be computed by D2L using the following scale:

A+	98-100	B+	86-89	C+	74-77	D+	62-65
A	94-97	B	82-85	C	70-73	D	58-61
A-	90-93	B-	78-81	C-	66-69	F	0-57

You are not required to complete all assignments to pass the course, but the grade for a missing assignment is 0. Participation in class discussion can increase your grade by as much as one grade step (e.g. from B- to B). I shall be using D2L to post assignments and grades, to confirm what we are reading for the next class, and to provide some questions to consider while you are reading.

All assignments are due at 4pm in the drop box opposite my office. Late assignments will be marked down by one grade step for each day of lateness. (The time between Fri and Mon counts as one day.) If

you are anticipating any difficulty turning in your assignment on time you should discuss the problem with me before the due date.

Electronic Devices

Those wishing to use a computer to take notes are requested to sit towards the back of class. Cell phones should be switched off for the duration of the class.

Tentative Schedule

Sep 13	Introduction	
Sep 15	The Concept of the Mental	Guttenplan
Sep 20	Explanation of Action	Davidson
Sep 22		Skinner
Sep 27, 29	Self-Deception	Mele
Oct 4		Gendler
Oct 6	Emotions	James
Oct 11		Sartre
Oct 13		Aristotle
Oct 18, 20		Solomon
Oct 25	Substance Dualism	Descartes
Oct 27		Smith and Jones
Nov 1	Mind-Brain Identity	Smart
Nov 3		Kim
Nov 8		Kripke
Nov 15	Functionalism	Block
Nov 17		Searle
Nov 22	Consciousness	Nagel
Nov 24		Jackson
Nov 29		Chalmers
Dec 1, 6		Churchland, Dennett
Dec 8		McGinn

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 UCalgary'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 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 Department Manager, Merlette Schnell, schnell@ucalgary.ca.

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

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