



UNIVERSITY OF  
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FACULTY OF ARTS  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

## PHIL 383 Lec 01 - Philosophy and Psychology

Winter 2014

### Course Outline

**Lectures: TuTh 9.30-10.45 in SA 121**

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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 1500-1800 words (5-6 pages) worth 30% of the final grade each due Mar 3 and Apr 11, a take-home midterm worth 15% due Feb 10, and a Registrar-scheduled final exam worth 25%.

Participation in class discussion in lectures and tutorials can increase your grade by as much as one grade step (e.g. from B- to B). Final grades will be computed by Gradebook on the Blackboard site 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.

All assignments are due at 4pm in the drop box outside my office. Late papers 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 in turning your assignment in on time you must 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.

### Course Website

I shall be using Blackboard 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.

### Tentative Schedule

Jan 9	Introduction	
Jan 14	The Concept of the Mental	Guttenplan
Jan 16	Explanation of Action	Davidson
Jan 21		Skinner
Jan 23, 28	Self-Deception	Mele
Jan 30		Gendler
Feb 4	Emotions	James
Feb 6		Sartre
Feb 11		Aristotle
Feb 13, 25		Solomon
Feb 18, 20	Reading Week	
Feb 27	Substance Dualism	Descartes
Mar 4		Smith and Jones
Mar 6	Mind-Brain Identity	Smart
Mar 11		Kim
Mar 13		Kripke
Mar 18	Functionalism	Block
Mar 20		Searle
Mar 25	Consciousness	Nagel
Mar 27		Jackson
Apr 1		Chalmers
Apr 3, 8		Churchland, Dennett
Apr 10		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**

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a permanent disability or temporary impairment who may require academic accommodation, you must first register with the Student Accessibility Resource Office located in MacEwan Student Centre 452; phone 403-220-8237; email [access@ucalgary.ca](mailto:access@ucalgary.ca). Students who have not registered with the Student Accessibility Office are not eligible for 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. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/access/> for further information.

### **Blackboard Help**

Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/computersupport/onlineservices/blackboard> for Student Help and FAQs about Blackboard. Troubleshooting tips and a tutorial are available at <http://elearn.ucalgary.ca/blackboard/students>.

### **Student Advising and Information Resources**

- **General Academic Concerns and Program Planning**– Have a question but not sure where to start? The Faculty of Arts' Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts. Drop in at SS110, call 403-220-3580, or email [artsads@ucalgary.ca](mailto:artsads@ucalgary.ca). Advisors in the PIC Office can also provide assistance and advice in planning your program through to graduation. You can visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undersgraduate> 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.

### **Student Ombudsperson and Students' Union Representatives**

The Student Ombuds Office provides independent, impartial, and confidential support for students who require assistance or advice in addressing issues and concerns related to their academic careers. For more information, see [www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds](http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds). For the Students' Union Faculty of Arts rep: [arts1@ucalgary.ca](mailto:arts1@ucalgary.ca).

### **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 12<sup>th</sup> floor of the Social Sciences Building and on the web at [www.phil.ucalgary.ca](http://www.phil.ucalgary.ca)

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