



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 507.3 Lec 01

Advanced Topics in 19th or 20th Century Philosophy - Charles Sanders Peirce

Winter Term 2017

Course Outline

Lectures: Wednesday 4:00-6:45 in ST 027

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Course Description

A study of the philosophy of Charles Sanders Peirce.

Prerequisites:

Two previous courses in philosophy, at least one of which must be a course in the history of philosophy and at least one of which must be at the 400 level.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Broad knowledge of the diverse philosophical issues, problems, and views discussed by Peirce.
- Deep knowledge of Peirce's thought.
- Ability to critically digest, interpret, and analyze Peirce's work.
- Ability to write a convincing argument that takes adequate account of alternative positions.
- Ability to engage in constructive, respectful, oral and written argumentation.
- Ability to distinguish between scientific philosophy and scientific philosophy.
- Ongoing engagement with the issues on which Peirce made substantial contributions.

Required/Recommended Texts (including electronic resources):

Available at Shelf Life Books, 1304 4th St. SW.

Required

The Essential Peirce Volume 1, ed. Nathan Houser and Christian Kloesel. Indiana University Press, 1992:

The Essential Peirce, Volume 2, ed. the Peirce Edition Project. Indiana University Press, 1998:

Recommended

Illustrations in the Logic of Science ed. Cornelis de Waal, Open Court, Carus Publishing, 2014:

Course Assessment

FOOD FOR THOUGHT on material covered in weeks one to three: 10%, due Tuesday, January 31

Midterm paper: 20%, due Tuesday, February 28.

Term Paper: 50% due Friday, April 21.

Class participation: 20% (to be assessed on contributions to discussion and a class presentation)

There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam.

In cases of a significant, steadily rising trajectory, later work will be weighted more heavily than earlier work.

To calculate your grade as you go along, I will be using the following correspondences:

A+ 90-100	B+ 75-79	C+ 60-64	D+ 45-49
A 85-89	B 70-74	C 55-59	D 40-44
A- 80-84	B- 65-69	C- 50-54	F 0-39

Late paper and take-home policy: In general, a medical reason is required if you are to turn in work late without penalty. I will, though, entitle each student to two days of grace period to be used at your discretion throughout the semester. That way you do not need to request permission for those days. Late work beyond the two days will be penalized at the rate of 1% per day.

Syllabus

Wks 1-3: Series of three papers published in *The Journal of Speculative Philosophy*, 1868.

Wk 4: Review of Fraser' edition of the *Works of Berkeley*, 1870.

Wks 5-7: First three (at least) of the six "Illustrations in the Logic of Science", 1879.

Wks 8-13: To be determined by student interest.

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

Academic Honesty

Cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as an extremely serious academic offense, 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

Student's 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. Important information and communications about this course may be posted on D2L. Go to <http://www.ucalgary.ca/it/services/d2l> for help.

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. Jeremy Fantl (jfantl@ucalgary.ca), Reid Buchanan (buchanar@ucalgary.ca), Megan Delehanty (mdelehan@ucalgary.ca).

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). Include the specific course information and your UCID number in your request.

Writing

This course will include written assignments. Faculty policy directs that all written assignments (including, although to a lesser extent, written exam responses) will be assessed at least partly on writing skills. Writing skills include not only surface correctness (grammar, punctuation, sentence structure, etc.) but also general clarity and organization. Research papers must be properly documented. Students are also encouraged to use Writing Support Services and other Student Success Centre Services, located on the 3rd floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library. Writing Support Services assist with a variety of assignments, from essays to lab reports. Students can book 30-minute one-on-one appointments online, sign up for 15-minute drop-in appointments, and register for a variety of writing workshops. For more information on this and other Student Success Centre services, please visit www.ucalgary.ca/ssc.

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.

Internet and Electronic Communication Devices

The instructor reserves the right to establish course policies regarding the use of devices such as laptops, tablets, and smartbooks. If allowed, these devices must be used exclusively for instructional purposes and must not cause disruption to the instructor or to fellow students. Cell phones and paging devices should be set to silent mode during lectures. Audio or video recording of lectures is not permitted without the written permission of the instructor. Students violating this policy are subject to discipline under the University of Calgary's Non-Academic Misconduct policy

Emergency Evacuation:

In case of an emergency evacuation during class, students must gather at the designated assembly point nearest to the classroom. The list of assembly points is found at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/emergencyplan/assemblypoints>. Please check this website and note the nearest assembly point for this course.

Other Helpful Contacts

- Safewalk and Campus Security: 403-220-5333.
- Faculty of Arts Student Representatives: 403-220-6552, arts1@su.ucalgary.ca, arts2@su.ucalgary.ca, arts3@su.ucalgary.ca, arts4@su.ucalgary.ca.
- Student Ombudsman: <http://www.ucalgary.ca/provost/students/ombuds>