

University of Calgary
Department of Philosophy

GRADUATE PROSEMINAR

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MW 16:00

SOCIAL SCIENCE 1253

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Calendar

September 9	Course Introduction
September 14	Gendler and Jacobson
September 16	Library orientation visit
September 21	Maddy and Misak
September 23	Rayo and Schroeder
September 28	Titelbaum and von Fintel & Gillies
September 30 to Oct 19	Student chosen readings (5 classes, 2 per class) <i>Research topic outline due Oct 14th</i>
October 21 to Nov 4	Research Presentations (5 classes, 2 per class)
November 9-18	No classes <i>Draft research paper due Nov 16th</i>
November 23 to Dec 7	In-class discussion of drafts (5 classes, 2 per class) <i>Draft comments are due on the day the draft is discussed</i>
December 21	<i>Final Research paper due</i>

Readings

Readings for the course will be made available via the course website or the philosophy department reading room. The first eight readings will be drawn from volume 28 of *The Philosopher's Annual*, available at www.philosophersannual.org.

Coursework

Written

- Outline of research topic.
A single page briefly introducing the area of your term project.
- Draft research paper.
The draft research paper, and the final research paper, should be no longer than 5500 words. The word maximum includes all text and notes. The word maximum does not include the references at the end of the paper. Drafts will be circulated to the entire class.
- Comments on drafts.
A page of comments on each class member's research paper draft (other than your own). These will be circulated to the whole class on the day the draft is discussed in class.
- Final research paper.

Other coursework

- Lead the discussion of a reading assignment.
Each student will pick a reading assignment for the class. You are responsible for leading the discussion of that reading. Your task is not to present all the material in a reading, but to raise questions and present some information about the readings that will stimulate class discussion.
- Research presentation.
Give a 30-minute presentation of your research to the class. You will not have enough time to introduce all of your results, so highlight the problem you have investigated and what you have concluded from that investigation. Do not read your presentation but give it as a talk. The use of overheads, etc., is optional. Be prepared to answer questions after your presentation.

Evaluation

You will be graded for the following course work. All course work must be completed to receive a passing grade. *Ceteris paribus* assignments will be weighted as follows. Later virtue will be allowed to redeem earlier sin.

Outline of research topic	5%
Research presentation	25%
Draft research paper	15%
Comments on drafts	15%
Final research paper	40%

In computing your final grade, your marks on individual assignments will be converted to grade points as defined in the calendar (A = 4, B = 3, C = 2, D = 1, F = 0).

Website

A course website has been set up at philproseminar.ucalgaryblogs.ca.