



**FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

**PHIL 609.8 Lec 02 – Topics in the History of Philosophy
Topic #8: “Hume”**

Winter Term 2018

Time: TBD

Course Outline

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Course Description

Hume describes himself in his *Treatise on Human Nature* as aiming to develop a “science of man” using an experimental method. Just as Newton developed an experimental science of the natural world, Hume aims to develop an experimental account of the human mind in the model of Newton, employing a minimal ontology and a small number of associative principles. In this course we will focus primarily on Hume’s account of causation, external existence, personal identity and free will. Depending on student interest, we will also look at the passions and politics and the relationship between them.

Course Learning Outcomes

- Ability to read critically and interpret historical text
- In-depth knowledge of Hume’s philosophical system
- Ability to engage in discussion with peers
- Ability to write a critical paper interpreting a historical text

Texts:

- *A Treatise of Human Nature*, edited by Fate Norton and Mary J. Norton, Oxford University Press, 2000
- Supplementary readings on D2L
- Additional readings to be chosen by the students

Course requirements:

Students are expected to attend the lectures for Philosophy 405 as well as an additional session per week (time to be determined). Students are responsible for choosing and presenting material for the additional weekly session.

Participation and presentation of material: 30%
Term paper 15-20 pages 70%

Late Policy: Late assignments will be accepted only with permission of the instructor.

There will be no Registrar-scheduled final exam

Letter Grade Conversion Table

A+	4.00	C+	2.3
A	4.00	C	2.0
A-	3.7	C-	1.7
B+	3.3	D+	1.3
B	3.0	D	1
B-	2.7	F	0

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

The student accommodation policy can be found at: ucalgary.ca/access/accommodations/policy.

Students needing an Accommodation because of a disability or medical condition should communicate this need to Student Accessibility Services in accordance with the Procedure for Accommodations for Students with Disabilities <http://www.ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.pdf>.

Students needing an Accommodation based on a Protected Ground other than Disability, should communicate this need, preferably in writing, to their instructor.

D2L Help

Desire2Learn is UCalgary's online learning management system. Important information and communications about this course may be posted on D2L. Go to <https://ucalgary.service-now.com/it> for help.

Protection of Privacy

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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.
- Student Union: <https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>; 403-220-6551.
- Student Ombuds' Office (ucalgary.ca/ombuds/) ombuds@ucalgary.ca
- Campus Mental Health Strategy: <https://www.ucalgary.ca/mentalhealth/>