



UNIVERSITY OF
CALGARY

FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 695.1 Lec 01
“Graduate Directed Reading: Economic Justice”
Fall Term 2017

Course Outline

Lectures: TBA
Tutorials: Twice monthly by appointment

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Course Description

This course investigates political philosophy through a focused engagement with the issue of economic justice. The course will seek to answer two related questions: 1) What is the proper way to allocate resources (monetary and otherwise) and 2) What is the proper role of the state in that allocation? Attention will be given to both theories of justice from historical and contemporary philosophers as well as to specific topics such as wealth, property, and tax.

Prerequisites

Consent of the Department.

Course Learning Outcomes

Students in this class will gain or refine:

- A deep knowledge of one central area of philosophical inquiry, political philosophy;
- An ability to critically digest, interpret, and analyze complex sources;
- An ability to write and revise a convincing argument that takes adequate account of alternative positions;
- An ability to engage in constructive, respectful, oral and written argumentation.

Required/Recommended Texts (including electronic resources):

Philosophy 453 Coursepack, available at the University Bookstore

Additional materials will be indicated via the D2L site for this class.

Available at: <https://d2l.ucalgary.ca/>

Course Assessment

Tutorial Summaries:	10%	
Short Papers:	50%	(Details on due dates below.)
Final Paper:	40%	Due: Thursday, December 14th at 12:00 noon.

This course has no Registrar administered final exam, only a final paper.

Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work for this course. For further explanation, see the University Calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>

Tutorial Summaries are to be presented at the beginning of each tutorial meeting.

Short papers will not be accepted after their designated due date has passed.

Final papers are accepted late, with a penalty of one full grade per 24-hour period overdue. So, an A- paper submitted in the first 24 hours after it was due will receive a B-, if submitted between 24 and 48 hours after it was due would receive a C-, and so on. Once a paper is late, it should be submitted via email (to me at dgdick@ucalgary.ca) as soon as it is ready.

The final paper must be a revision of one of the three short papers. It is therefore not possible to pass the class without submitting at least one short paper that can then be revised into the final paper. A student submitting no short papers may not submit the final paper and they will receive an F (0.0) for both the short papers and long paper, guaranteeing a final grade of F (0.0) for the course.

Tutorial Summaries:

At the beginning of each tutorial meeting, students are to bring a 1-2 page summary and analysis of the reading assigned for that meeting. Readings must come from beyond the material read for lectures.

The class permits a total of 6 tutorial summaries, but the grade for this portion of the final grade will be taken out of 5 tutorial summaries.

Short Papers:

Three short papers are required for this class. Their due dates are as follows:

First Short Paper:	Due no later than 11:00 am on Wednesday, Oct 11
Second Short Paper:	Due no later than 11:00 am on Wednesday, Nov 1
Third Short Paper:	Due no later than 11:00 am on Friday, Nov 24

Short papers are accepted prior to their due dates, but not after. This means that even if the first short paper you submit arrives after the due date for the First Short Paper, but before the deadline for the Second Short Paper, it counts as the Second Short Paper.

I prefer short papers to be handed in in class in hard copy, but will accept them via email (dgdick@ucalgary.ca) if this is necessary to meet the deadline for them.

Short papers will be graded pass/fail according to detailed specifications distributed before the first one is due. The letter grade for the Short Papers portion of the final grade calculation will be determined as follows:

- 3 Passing Short Papers = A (4.0)
- 2 Passing Short Papers= B (3.0)
- 1 Passing Short Paper= C (2.0)
- 0 Passing Short Papers= F (0.0)

Short papers will not be accepted after their designated due date has passed.

Final Papers:

The final paper is due Thursday, December 14th at 12:00 noon. Papers should be submitted via email to dgdick@ucalgary.ca. It must be a revision of one of the student’s previously submitted short papers. It will be graded on the 0.0-4.3 scale described below.

Detailed instructions for the final paper will be distributed in advance of this due date.

Final papers are accepted late, with a penalty of one full grade per 24-hour period overdue. So, an A- paper submitted in the first 24 hours after it was due will receive a B-, if submitted between 24 and 48 hours after it was due would receive a C-, and so on. Once a paper is late, it should be submitted via email (to me at dgdick@ucalgary.ca) as soon as it is ready.

Letter Grade Conversion Table

With the exception of short papers, all evaluated material will be graded on a scale from A+ to F. To weight assignments and calculate the final grade, these letter grades will be converted into the standard 4.0 scale:

4.3 – A+	3.3 – B+	2.3 – C+	1.3 – D+	0.0 – F
4.0 – A	3.0 – B	2.0 – C	1.0 – D	
3.7 – A–	2.7 – B–	1.7 – C–		

The arithmetic that will calculate your final grade will follow this formula:

$$(Tutorial\ Summaries).10 + (Short\ Papers).50 + (Final\ Paper).40 = Final\ Grade$$

IMPORTANT DEPARTMENTAL, FACULTY AND UNIVERSITY INFORMATION

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

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 ucalgary.ca/policies/files/policies/student-accommodation-policy.

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

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.

Student Union: <https://www.su.ucalgary.ca/>; 403-220-6551.

Student Ombuds' Office (ucalgary.ca/ombuds/) ombuds@ucalgary.ca.