

UNIVERSITY OF GUELPH

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 1000-01: Introductory Philosophy: Major Texts / Fall 2010

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List of Tutorials:

T01	Wednesday	3:30 – 4:20	(MACK 309)	A. Langridge
T02	Wednesday	4:30 – 5:20	(MACK 316)	A. Langridge
T03	Thursday	10:30 – 11:20	(MACK 227)	A. Leferman
T04	Thursday	11:30 – 12:20	(MACK 235)	A. Leferman
T05	Thursday	12:30 – 1:20	(MACK 229)	E. Jaklic
T06	Thursday	1:30 – 2:20	(MACK 234)	E. Jaklic
T07	Thursday	2:30 – 3:20	(MACK 316)	N. Purdy
T08	Thursday	3:30 – 4:20	(MACK 316)	N. Purdy
T09	Friday	11:30 – 12:20	(ROZH 105)	C. Wood
T10	Friday	12:30 – 1:20	(MACK 231)	C. Wood

Brief Description Of Course: This course has three chief goals:

- (1) to introduce the students to some of the major texts of western philosophy;
- (2) to familiarize the students with some basic philosophical concepts, terminology and problems drawn from three of the major branches of philosophy—namely, metaphysics, epistemology, and ethics;
- (3) to supply the students with a general historical framework in which to locate major figures and movements in philosophy and religion.

While the content of the course is ‘systematic’—that is, while we shall be concentrating on the ‘systematic’ treatment of various philosophical issues—we shall proceed historically, beginning with earlier thinkers and ending with later. The format of the course will be lecture and tutorial. The lectures will (i) provide the students with a general conceptual and historical framework for western—and, to a lesser extent, eastern—thought, and (ii) introduce and clarify those basic philosophical issues raised in the readings for the course that will constitute the material for tutorial discussion.

Required Texts:

Plato, *The Last Days of Socrates*, tr. High Tredennick & Harold Tarrant (New York: Penguin Books, 2003).
Descartes, *Meditations*, tr. Laurence J. Lafleur (New York: Prentice Hall, 1960). ISBN-13: 9780023671708
Nietzsche, *Twilight of the Idols*, tr. R.J. Hollingdale (New York: Penguin Books, 1990).

Method Of Evaluation: (1) in-tutorial mid-term #1: 20%
(2) in-tutorial mid-term #2: 30%
(3) final exam: 50% 2:30 – 4:30 Wednesday 15 December (in the classroom)

SEVEN STANDARD STATEMENTS

E-mail Communication

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their <uoguelph.ca> e-mail account regularly: e-mail is the official route of communication between the university and its students.

When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement...

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the undergraduate calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml>

Drop Date

The last date to drop one-semester Fall 2010 courses, without academic penalty, is **Thursday November 4**. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the Undergraduate Calendar: <http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml>

Copies of out-of-class assignments

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

Academic Misconduct

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and enjoins all members of the University community – faculty, staff, and students – to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-amisconduct.shtml>

Recording of Materials

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded in any electronic media without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer.

Resources

The Undergraduate Calendar is the source of information about the University of Guelph's procedures, policies and regulations which apply to undergraduate programs. It can be found at:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/>

Fall 2010 Schedule of (23) lectures, (12) tutorials, readings & exams

Monday 13 September	introduction to the course: course outline, authors & texts
Wednesday 15 September	introduction to philosophy: branches of philosophy, concepts & terminology
Tutorial	general introductory material
Monday 20 September	History to Socrates & Plato
Wednesday 22 September	Plato, <i>Euthyphro</i>
Tutorial	Socrates, Plato, <i>Euthyphro</i>
Monday 27 September	Plato, <i>Apology</i>
Wednesday 29 September	Plato, <i>Crito</i>
Tutorial	Socrates, Plato, <i>Apology</i> & <i>Crito</i>
Monday 4 October	Plato, <i>Phaedo</i>
Wednesday 6 October	Plato, <i>Phaedo</i>
Tutorial	Plato, <i>Phaedo</i>
Monday 11 October	Thanksgiving: no class
Wednesday 13 October	Plato review
Tutorial	Discussion of Plato, <i>Euthyphro</i> , <i>Apology</i> , <i>Crito</i> , <i>Phaedo</i>
Monday 18 October	Plato review
Wednesday 20 October	History from Aristotle to the Medieval Period
Tutorial	midterm #1: terminology, history, Plato
Monday 25 October	History from the Medieval Period to Descartes
Wednesday 27 October	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i>
Tutorial	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i>
Monday 1 November	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i>
Wednesday 3 November	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i>
Tutorial	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i>
Monday 8 November	Descartes, <i>Meditations</i>
Wednesday 10 November	History from Descartes to Nietzsche
Tutorial	midterm #2: terminology, history, Plato, Descartes
Monday 15 November	Nietzsche, <i>Twilight of the Idols</i>
Wednesday 17 November	Nietzsche, <i>Twilight of the Idols</i>
Tutorial	
Monday 22 November	Nietzsche, <i>Twilight of the Idols</i>
Wednesday 24 November	Nietzsche, <i>Twilight of the Idols</i>
Tutorial	
Monday 29 November	Nietzsche, <i>Twilight of the Idols</i>
Wednesday 1 December	summary & review
Tutorial	final exam preparation: terminology, history, Plato, Descartes, Nietzsche
Wednesday 15 December	Final Exam (2:30 – 4:30, in the classroom)