

Philosophy 102

Winter term 2, 2021-22
Meets: MW 12-1 + tutorial
Hennings 202
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This course provides an introduction to philosophical ethics and social political thought through the reading of four texts, two from ancient Greek antiquity and two from the twentieth century. By immersing ourselves in the thought of each author in turn, we will explore some of the classical issues discussed in ethics, including individual responsibility, the nature of community and social obligations, and the meaning of justice, law and good government.

Texts: Plato, *Apology*
Plato, *Crito*
Martin Luther King Jr., *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*
Hannah Arendt, *Eichmann in Jerusalem*
Karl Marx and Friedrich Engels, *The Communist Manifesto*

Available at the UBC bookstore: Grube, *Plato: Five Dialogues*, and Arendt, *Eichmann in Jerusalem*. Please purchase both these works. King and Marx/Engels will be made available online through the course Canvas website.

Class Schedule (subject to minor revision):

Week 1 MW January 10/12 Introduction, *Apology*
Week 2 MW Jan 17/19 *Apology*
Week 3 MW Jan 24/26 *Crito*
First short paper due in lecture M Jan 24th
Week 4 MW Jan 31/Feb 2 King, *Letter from a Birmingham Jail*
Week 5 MW Feb 7/9 Arendt Chs. 1-3
Second short paper due in lecture M Feb 7th
Week 6 MW Feb 14/16 Arendt Chs. 4-6

Reading week Feb 21-25th, university closed

Week 7 MW Feb 28/Mar 2 Arendt Ch. 7-8, pp. 171-5.
Week 8 MW Mar 7/9 Arendt Chs. 14-15
Third short paper due in lecture M Mar 7th
Week 9 MW Mar 14/16 Arendt, Epilogue
Week 10 MW Mar 21/23 Marx/Engels 1
Week 11 MW Mar 28/30 Marx/Engels 2
Fourth short paper due in lecture M Mar 28th
Week 12 MW Apr 4/6 Marx/Engels 3, Review

Literature Exam at scheduled time during exam period, April 12-27th

Evaluation:

First short paper: 10%	Fourth short paper: 20%
Second short paper: 10%	Literature Exam: 30%
Third short paper: 20%	Tutorial participation: 10%

Short writing assignments (2-3 pages, 1000 word limit) offer students a chance to interact philosophically with our texts and to develop the skills of philosophical argument. The literature

exam (short answer/identification of passages) is designed to demonstrate understanding of the assigned reading material and mastery of the concepts introduced in lecture.

Policies

Students are expected to do the assigned reading before class, and to be prepared to discuss course material in discussion sections. Careful reading and re-reading is essential to philosophy, and participation in discussions will help students develop their own ideas for written essays.

Attendance at lecture and discussion are expected and essential for mastering the course material. Illness and family emergencies are accepted as legitimate reasons for missing class or submitting late assignments; otherwise, late assignments will be penalized at 2% per day. Accommodations for religious observances or university-sponsored activities should be arranged ahead of time. Students with disabilities are asked to contact Access and Diversity and notify the instructor of any needed accommodations.

If you experience difficult circumstances during the term that interfere with your coursework, please feel free to discuss these with the instructor or your tutorial leader. Assistance is available through Counselling Services, Arts Advising and other services on campus.

Plagiarism and Academic Misconduct are serious offences, and will be dealt with according to UBC's policy. It is the student's responsibility to understand UBC policies: <http://www.calendar.ubc.ca/Vancouver/index.cfm?tree=3,54,111,959>