PHI 3800 Metaphysics
2015-2016
Preliminary Course Outline*

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Course Description:

This course is intended to examine some of the central problems in metaphysics from a contemporary, analytic perspective. It is assumed that each student already possesses a basic understanding of logic and analytic skills, though this course also aims to develop such skills through rigorous examination of the arguments and views discussed.

Topics:

I.   Introduction

II.   Existence and Universals

III. The Mental and The Physical

IV.   Personal Identity

V.   Freedom of the Will

VI.   Causality

VII. Conceptual Schemes, Relativism and Realism

Assessment:

Grading will be based on the following:

1. Tutorial presentation and performance: ~30%

2. Term-end Test ~35%.

3. Term Essay 35%. (*Guidelines on Essay* will be given in due course.)

Selected Bibliography (available at Blackboard)

Topic-specific lists of references and suggested reading will be given in lectures notes.

*Please be advised that this is only a preliminary outline. A final version of the course outline will be distributed in the first lecture session. In case of any discrepancy between this version and the final version, the latter shall prevail.

To be finalized with details for tutorial arrangement.

~ January ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 **W1**	11	12	13	14	15 **Lecture**	16
17 **W2**	18	19	20	21	22 **Lecture**	23
24 **W3** (Tut. #0)*	25 Tutorial*	26 Tutorial*	27 Tutorial*	28	29 **Lecture**	30
31	Notes: *Tutorial Briefing Session. You must attend.					

~ February ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
W4	1	2	3	4	5	6
7 **W5** (Tut #1)	8 Tutorial	9 Tutorial	10 Tutorial	11	12 **Lecture**	13
14 **W6**	15	16	17	18	19 **Lecture**	20
21 **W7**	22	23	24	25	26 **Lecture**	27
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~ March ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
W8 (Tut #2)	1 Tutorial	2 Tutorial	3 Tutorial	4	5	6
7 **W9**	8	9	10	11	12 **Lecture**	13
14 **W10** (Tut #3)	15 Tutorial	16 Tutorial	17 Tutorial	18	19 **Lecture**	20
21 **W11**	22	23	24	25	26 **Lecture**	27
28 **W12** (Tut #4)	29 Tutorial	30 Tutorial	31 Tutorial			

~ April ~

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
W12 (Tut 4)				1	2	3
4 **W13**	5	6	7	8	9 **Lecture**	10
11 **W14** (Tut #5)	12 Tutorial	13 Tutorial	14 Tutorial	15	16 **Lecture**	17
18 **W15**	19	20	21	22	23 **Test**	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	