

The University of Western Ontario  
Department of Philosophy

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**Philosophy 2080 (001)**  
**Philosophy of Law**

2018-2019

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Students are responsible for following the Philosophy Department procedures included with this outline. Instructors, and / or teaching assistants will post information regarding the dates, times and locations of tests and review sessions on the Course web site and in class.

**Course Description:**

We will study the fundamental concepts of law, and the philosophical principles on which they are based. The course is divided into four sections, two each term, as follows: the first term will be spent on tort law and contract law; the second term criminal law and constitutional law. There will also be an introduction to the basic structure of our court system, the difference between statute law and common law, and some basic knowledge of the legal process.

In the study of tort law the main focus will be on the law of negligence, including the expanding areas of liability of product manufacturers, tavern owners, and other public - private entities. We will be reading an essay describing the difference between American and Canadian approaches to tort law, and illustrating themes that are ever present in the law's development.

In the study of contract law, the student will gain an understanding of the basics of contract law by looking at pivotal cases, and applying the principles found in those cases in various situations. ~~Bus (the site) Alex Agan, E2, 1166, 2010~~ ( t-20.1 term.

**Examinations:**

There are four exams, one at the end of each course quadrant. The exams are non-cumulative, **one hour long**

and consist of multiple choice questions. **Each exam is worth 25% of the final course grade. *UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES WILL EXAM GRADES BE REWEIGHTED.*** Dates, times and places for all of the following exams will be announced in class, and posted on the course web site. **Exam particulars will not be available over the phone in the Philosophy department.**

	Type	Date	Time	Location
<b>Exam #1:</b>	Torts	Saturday, November 17, 2018	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Nat Sc 145</b>
<b>Exam #2:</b>	Contract Law	(during December 2018 examination period)		
<b>Exam #3:</b>	Criminal Law	Saturday, February 9, 2019	<b>2:00 P.M.</b>	<b>Nat Sci 145</b>
<b>Exam #4:</b>	Constitutional Law	(during April 2019		

student of the course could reasonably be expected to have) and then presents that knowledge as their own discovery is considered to have plagiarized, even if the words used to express the ideas are not exactly the same. Other examples of plagiarism include, but are not limited to:

- misrepresenting co-authored or group work as individually done;
- cutting and pasting copied or paraphrased work by others in with your own work;
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addressed envelope for their instructor.) Exceptions to these work submission dates may be granted only as a result of petition to the Academic Counselor of the student's faculty. Instructors have *no authority* to waive this requirement, and any unofficial arrangements they make with students will not be respected by the administration. This does not preclude instructors from setting earlier deadlines for course work.

7. The Department of Philosophy's Committee on Women's Concerns was formed to promote and ensure a non-sexist environment for all who work and study in the department. Further information, including a broader statement of the Committee's mandate is provided on the CWC poster on the undergraduate bulletin board. Students are encouraged to consult and implement the departmental guidelines for the non-sexist use of language posted on the undergraduate bulletin board.
8. The Department of Philosophy strives at all times to provide accessibility to all faculty, staff, students and visitors in a way that respects the dignity and independence of people with disabilities. Please contact the course instructor if you require any arrangements to make this course more accessible to you. You may wish to contact Services for Students with Disabilities (SSD) at 661-2111 #82147 for any specific questions regarding an accommodation. More information about "Accessibility at Western" is available at: <http://accessibility.uwo.ca>.
9. **Final marks** for courses can be obtained from your Student Center (<http://student.uwo.ca>). Consult your master timetable for information on how to do this.

*Appeal Process:*

~~See the appeal process (under "Appeals") in the 2013-14 Academic Calendar (2013-14) (57-8501) (a) 1-8.9(i) EAC 47 and 100-21(BDC1.1/TT~~