Undergraduate Course Outline 2024-25

Information including instructor contact details and course location can be found on the course Owl BrightSpace: <u>https://westernu.brightspace.com/</u>

This course is an introduction to the philosophy of mind. It covers a broad range of traditional questions in this field, such as:

- What is a mind or a mental state?
- Can mental states be explained in the same way as other things (such as the motion of physical bodies)?
- Do we really know what others feel or experience?
- What is the relationship between sensory experience and thought?
- What is a person and under what conditions does a person continue to exist?
- Does the determinism of physics imply that we have no free will?

Please note that this is a fully online, asynchronous course based on short online videos. Access to the Internet on a weekly basis is required.

By the end of this course, you should be able to explain and evaluate the main philosophical arguments and positions discussed in this course both orally and in writing. You should acquire and/or improve upon general skills useful for critically engaging with philosophical ideas as well as other pursuits, including analyzing, and critically evaluating arguments, skills involved in effective oral and written communication, and fruitful engagement with peers.

The ebook version is available <u>from the publisher</u> and other sources (Google Play, Kindle Store, Apple Books). For a little extra, a physical copy can also be ordered <u>from Amazon.ca</u>. Any version you find will do because there is only one edition. The UWO bookstore may also offer the ebook.

The sole method of evaluation for this course is a series of mini essays of maximum 850 words each. Each mini essay addresses a relatively narrow question about the course materials. In total, you will have to write mini essays.

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes.

prohibited. If unauthorized Al use is suspected, the instructor will ask for , and other materials used in . Students are expected to these materials until after final grades have been entered. In the unlikely event of concerns being raised about the authenticity of any assignment, students may be asked to produce these materials; an inability to do so may weigh heavily against them.

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Documentation

registration, together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. The UWO Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness and further information regarding this policy can be found at https://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/academic_consideration.pdf

The Student Medical Certificate is available at

https://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/medicalform.pdf

Students may request academic consideration in cases of extenuating circumstances that is,

1. Requests for academic consideration are made to the Academic Advising office of Faculty in which the student is registered.

- 2. Requests for academic consideration include the following components:
 - a. Self-attestation signed by the student;
 - b. Indication of the course(s) and assessment(s) relevant to the request;
 - c. Supporting documentation as relevant

Requests without supporting documentation are limited to one per term per course.

Documentation for medical illness, when required, includes the completion of a <u>Western</u> <u>Student Medical Certificate (SMC)</u> or, where that is not possible, equivalent documentation, by a health care practitioner. Requests linked to examinations scheduled by the Office of the Registrar during official examination periods as well as practice laboratory and performance tests typically scheduled in the last week of term always require formal supporting documentation.

519.433.2023 after class hours and on weekends (24/7 availability).

Western University is committed to reducing incidents of gender-based and sexual

violence (GBSV) and providing compassionate support to anyone who is going through or has gone through these traumatic events. If you are experiencing or have experienced GBSV (either recently or in the past), you will find information about support services for survivors, including emergency contacts at the following website:

<u>https://www.uwo.ca/health/student_support/survivor_support/get-help.html</u>. To connect with a case manager or set up an appointment, please contact <u>support@uwo.ca</u>.