

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2023-24**

**Philosophy 3030G
NIETZSCHE**

Winter Term

Instructor: N/A

DESCRIPTION

This course is a survey of Friedrich Nietzsche's philosophical writings, including texts from his early, middle, and late periods. Among the topics to be considered are his critique of morality, his perspectivalism, his theory of aesthetic creation and artistic experience, his doctrine of eternal recurrence, and his declaration of the death of God.

TEXTS

F. Nietzsche, *The Birth of Tragedy from the Spirit of Music* (Cambridge)

———, *The Genealogy of Morals / Ecce Homo* (Vintage)

———, *The Gay Science* (Cambridge)

———, *Beyond Good and Evil* (Cambridge)

(Additional primary and secondary material will be supplied during the course)

OBJECTIVES

Students completing this course successfully will (1) be familiar with some of the key works of one of the most enigmatic figures in the history of philosophy, (2) have demonstrated an ability to comprehend complex philosophical arguments and reflect critically upon them, and (3) be able to write concise argumentative papers exhibiting research competence.

REQUIREMENTS

Evaluation will consist in a combination of regular short assignments, a final research paper, and a participation mark.

Midterm	34%
Term Paper	45%
QRT (In-class responses)	21% (=7 x 3%)

The QRT assignments require you to provide a brief, 2 sentence response (**Q**uestion, **R**emark, or **T**hesis) relating to the piece of secondary literature for that meeting. These assignments are intended to ensure that you keep pace in the reading, are prepared for class discussion, and to familiarize you with some literature that may be relevant to your paper. As a result, these assignments are **not** accepted late (i.e., after the beginning of the class it is due), nor under normal circumstances will they be accepted if you do not attend the class that the material is covered. Regular attendance is expected and indeed essential for completing this class. If you expect that

you will miss a number of lectures at any point in the term you should speak with the instructor as soon as possible.

AUDIT

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes. All auditors will be expected to complete the regular short assignments as a condition of attendance.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY POLICIES

The **Department of Philosophy Policies** which govern the conduct, standards, and expectations for student participation in Philosophy courses is available in the Undergraduate section of the Department of Philosophy website at <http://uwo.ca/philosophy/undergraduate/policies.html>.

It is your responsibility to understand the policies set out by the Senate and the Department of Philosophy, and thus ignorance of these policies cannot be used as grounds of appeal.

ACCOMMODATION

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 shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of 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

http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

SELF- REPORTED ABSENCE FORM

Students who experience an unexpected illness or injury or an extenuating circumstance (48 hours or less) that is sufficiently severe to temporarily render them unable to meet academic requirements (e.g., attending lectures or labs, writing tests or midterm exams, completing and submitting assignments, participating in presentations) should self-declare using the online Self-Reported Absence portal. This option should be used in situations where the student expects to resume academic responsibilities within 48 hours or less.

The following conditions are in place for self-reporting of medical or extenuating circumstances:

http://westerncalendar.uwo.ca/PolicyPages.cfm?Command=showCategory&PolicyCategoryID=1&SelectedCalendar=Live&ArchiveID=#SubHeading_322

EVALUATION OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

At least three days prior to the deadline for withdrawal from a course without academic penalty, students will receive assessment of work accounting for at least 15% of their final grade. For 3000- or 4000-level courses in which such a graded assessment is impracticable, the instructor(s) must obtain an exemption from this policy from the Dean and this exemption must be noted on the corresponding course syllabus. In rare instances and at the Dean's discretion, other courses could receive a similar exemption, which also must be noted in the course syllabus.

COURSE ASSIGNMENT

The last day of scheduled classes in any course will be the last day on which course assignments

will be accepted for credit in a course. Instructors will be required to return assignments to students as promptly as possible with reasonable explanations of the instructor's assessment of the assignment.

ACADEMIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:
http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

PLAGIARISM CHECKING

All required papers may be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted for such checking will be included as source documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement, currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com <http://www.turnitin.com>.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Registrarial Services <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services <https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdweb/?cmd=login>

Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>

Student Development Centre <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. Immediate help in the event of a crisis can be had by phoning 519.661.3030 (during class hours) or 519.433.2023 after class hours and on weekends.