

School of Arts & Science HUMANITIES DEPARTMENT

PHIL 203- 001 Knowledge, Truth and Belief Winter 2007

COURSE OUTLINE

The Approved Course Description is available on the web @_____

 Ω Please note: this outline will be electronically stored for five (5) years only. It is strongly recommended students keep this outline for your records.

(a)	Instructor:	Megan Shelstad	
(b)	Office Hours:	Wednesday and Friday 12:30 – 1:30	
(C)	Location:	Young 312	
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1. Instructor Information

2. Intended Learning Outcomes

(<u>No</u> changes are to be made to this section, unless the Approved Course Description has been forwarded through EDCO for approval.)

Upon completion of this course the student will be able to:

- 1. Demonstrate an understanding of the nature of central epistemological problems. ***How is this demonstrated? ...by what methods would I know a student has understood??
- 2. Compare different schools of thought on how these problems can be solved.
- 3. Critically analyze the strengths and weaknesses of the various epistemological theories studied.
- 4. Articulate and defend his or her own epistemological standpoint.

3. Required Materials

(a)	Texts	Coursepack (in the bookstore)
(b)	Other	

4. Course Content and Schedule

(Can include: class hours, lab hours, out of class requirements and/or dates for quizzes, exams, lectures, labs, seminars, practicums, etc.)

Lectures: Wednesdays 10:30 – 12:20 Seminars: Fridays 10:30 – 11:20 (Group A) and 11:30 – 12:20 (Group B)

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(Should be linked directly to learning outcomes.)

(a)	Assignments	30% - 2 essays (15% each)	
(b)	Quizzes	10% - 6 quizzes (best 5, no re-writes)	
(c)	Exams	20% - 1 midterm test 30% - 1 final test (cumulative)	
(d)	Other (eg, Attendance, Project, Group Work)	10% - seminar attendance and participation	

6. Grading System

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Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
95-100	A+		9
90-94	А		8
85-89	A-		7
80-84	B+		6
75-79	В		5
70-74	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	С		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Temporary Grades

Temporary grades are assigned for specific circumstances and will convert to a final grade according to the grading scheme being used in the course. See Grading Policy at **camosun.ca** or information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
I	<i>Incomplete</i> : A temporary grade assigned when the requirements of a course have not yet been completed due to hardship or extenuating circumstances, such as illness or death in the family.
IP	<i>In progress</i> : A temporary grade assigned for courses that are designed to have an anticipated enrollment that extends beyond one term. No more than two IP grades will be assigned for the same course.
CW	<i>Compulsory Withdrawal:</i> A temporary grade assigned by a Dean when an instructor, after documenting the prescriptive strategies applied and consulting with peers, deems that a student is unsafe to self or others and must be removed from the lab, practicum, worksite, or field placement.

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E-1.5 at **camosun.ca** for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

7. Recommended Materials or Services to Assist Students to Succeed Throughout the Course

LEARNING SUPPORT AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

There are a variety of services available for students to assist them throughout their learning. This information is available in the College calendar, at Student Services or the College web site at <u>camosun.ca</u>.

STUDENT CONDUCT POLICY

There is a Student Conduct Policy **which includes plagiarism**. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of this policy. The policy is available in each School Administration Office, at Student Services and on the College web site in the Policy Section.

ADDITIONAL COMMENTS AS APPROPRIATE OR AS REQUIRED