



CAMOSUN COLLEGE
School of Arts & Science
Department of Humanities

PHIL-104-002
Philosophy of Sex and Love
Fall 2019

COURSE OUTLINE

The course description is available on the web @ <http://camosun.ca/learn/calendar/current/web/phil.html>

Ω Please note: This outline will not be kept indefinitely. It is recommended students keep this outline for their records, especially to assist in transfer credit to post-secondary institutions.

1. Instructor Information

(a) Instructor	Dr. Philip Puszczalowski
(b) Office hours	Wednesday – 4:30pm-5:20pm
(c) Location	Lansdowne: Young 320
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(f) Website	_____

2. Intended Learning Outcomes

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

1. Differentiate and contrast historical ideals and concepts of love.
2. Assess claims about the biological and/or environmental basis of transsexuality and sexual orientation.
3. Evaluate long-term monogamy.
4. Analyze the abstinence versus birth control debate.
5. Give evidence for an opinion on abortion.

3. Required Materials

(a) **Required Texts:** Higgins, Kathleen, and Solomon, Robert. 1991. *The Philosophy of (Erotic) Love*. University Press of Kansas.

Halwani, Raja; Soble, Alan; Hoffman, Sarah; and Held, Jacob M. 2017. *The Philosophy of Sex: Contemporary Readings, 7th Edition*. Rowman & Littlefield.

Plato. *Symposium*. (Any edition will work)

(b) Other readings are posted or linked on the class D2L page.

4. Course Content and Schedule

All lectures and seminars are in Young 300.

Lectures: Wednesday – 5:30pm-7:20pm

Seminars: Wednesday – 7:30pm-8:20pm

Note: This is a tentative indication of content and schedule.

Philosophy of Love

Sept 4: Plato's Symposium

Introduction and Speeches of Phaedrus, Pausanias (p.13-17)

Seminar: Icebreaker

Sept 11: Plato's Symposium

Speeches of Aristophanes, Agathon (p.17-21)

Seminar: Aristophanes, Agathon

Sept 18: Plato's Symposium

Speeches of Socrates, Diotima (p.21-27)

Seminar: Socrates, Diotima

Sept 25: Plato's Symposium

Speech of Alcibiades, Final Dialogue (p.27-32)

Seminar: Alcibiades

Oct 2: Arthur Schopenhauer (p.121-131)

Seminar: Schopenhauer

Oct 9: Friedrich Nietzsche (p.140-150)

Seminar: Nietzsche

Oct 16: Jean-Paul Sartre and Simone de Beauvoir

Sartre (p.227-232)

Beauvoir (p.233-240)

Seminar: Sartre and Beauvoir

Oct 23: MIDTERM

Philosophy of Sex

Oct 30: Sexual Perversion

Greta Christina "Are We Having Sex Now or What?" (p.31-39)

Alan Soble "Kant and Sexual Perversion" (D2L)

Seminar: Christina and Soble

Essay #1 DUE

Nov 6: Sexual Perversion

Thomas Nagel "Sexual Perversion" (p.39-52)

Robert Gray "Sex and Sexual Perversion" (p.73-84)

Seminar: Nagel and Gray

Nov 13: Fidelity

John Portmann "Chatting Is Not Cheating" (p.85-102)

Seminar: Portmann

Nov 20: Polyamory

Elizabeth Brake "Is "Loving More" Better? The Values of Polyamory" (p. 201-220)

Seminar: Brake

Nov 27: Sexual Ethics

David Benatar "Two Views of Sexual Ethics" (p.437-448)

Alan Soble "Gifts and Duties" (p.449-464)

Seminar: Benatar and Soble

Dec. 4: "Catch Up Day" and Exam Review

Seminar: Exam Review

Essay #2 DUE

5. Basis of Student Assessment (Weighting)

(a) *Seminar Participation (10%, 10 at 1% each)*

I want you to be engaged with the material and the class, so I'm rewarding you for giving me evidence that you are. This evidence can come in many forms, such as attending and participating in the seminar/class and its discussions, visiting me in office hours to discuss course material, or sending me an email with a good idea or question when one comes to you. **Doing the scheduled readings are essential preparation!**

(b) *Essays (30%, 2 at 15% each)*

Will be in the form of philosophical essays written in response to topics I will distribute in advance of the days the papers are due or the midterms are given. Further instructions will be included when those topics are distributed.

Essay #1: DUE October 30th.

Essay #2: DUE December 4th.

(c) *Midterm (30%) October 23rd .*

(d) *Final (30%) Scheduled by the college.*

6. Grading System

Standard Grading System (GPA)

Competency Based Grading System

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

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: www.camosun.ca

8. College Supports, Services and Policies



Immediate, Urgent, or Emergency Support

If you or someone you know requires immediate, urgent, or emergency support (e.g. illness, injury, thoughts of suicide, sexual assault, etc.), **SEEK HELP**. Resource contacts @

<http://camosun.ca/about/mental-health/emergency.html> or <http://camosun.ca/services/sexual-violence/get-support.html#urgent>

College Services

Camosun offers a variety of health and academic support services, including counselling, dental, disability resource centre, help centre, learning skills, sexual violence support & education, library, and writing centre. For more information on each of these services, visit the **STUDENT**

SERVICES link on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/>

College Policies

Camosun strives to provide clear, transparent, and easily accessible policies that exemplify the college's commitment to life-changing learning. It is the student's responsibility to become familiar with the content of College policies. Policies are available on the College website at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/>. Education and academic policies include, but are not limited to, Academic Progress, Admission, Course Withdrawals, Standards for Awarding Credentials, Involuntary Health and Safety Leave of Absence, Prior Learning Assessment, Medical/Compassionate Withdrawal, Sexual Violence and Misconduct, Student Ancillary Fees, Student Appeals, Student Conduct, and Student Penalties and Fines.

A. GRADING SYSTEMS <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/index.html>

The following two grading systems are used at Camosun College:

1. Standard Grading System (GPA)

Percentage	Grade	Description	Grade Point Equivalency
90-100	A+		9
85-89	A		8
80-84	A-		7
77-79	B+		6
73-76	B		5
70-72	B-		4
65-69	C+		3
60-64	C		2
50-59	D		1
0-49	F	Minimum level has not been achieved.	0

2. Competency Based Grading System (Non GPA)

This grading system is based on satisfactory acquisition of defined skills or successful completion of the course learning outcomes

Grade	Description
COM	The student has met the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
DST	The student has met and exceeded, above and beyond expectation, the goals, criteria, or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.
NC	The student has not met the goals, criteria or competencies established for this course, practicum or field placement.

B. 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 <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/index.html> for information on conversion to final grades, and for additional information on student record and transcript notations.

Temporary Grade	Description
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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.

Policy on missed tests: make-up tests will be permitted only in cases of illness or personal crisis. A make-up test will not be scheduled until proper medical documentation is provided.

Cell phones: students are not permitted to use cell phones in class. **Remember to TURN OFF your cell phone for class.**

Missing classes: if you miss a class due to illness, or some other reason, it is not necessary to notify me, **unless** a test is missed. If classes are missed, it is the student's responsibility to find out from another student what was covered, or check D2L.