

Phil 116-001 SYLLABUS



COURSE TITLE: PHIL-116: Philosophy Through Film

CLASS SECTION: Phil 116-01

TERM: Fall 2021

COURSE CREDITS: 3

DELIVERY METHOD(S): Face to Face

Camosun College campuses are located on the traditional territories of the Lək̓ʷəŋən and W̱SÁNEĆ peoples. We acknowledge their welcome and graciousness to the students who seek knowledge here.

Learn more about Camosun's [Territorial Acknowledgement](#).

For COVID-19 information please visit <https://legacy.camosun.ca/covid19/index.html>.

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INSTRUCTOR DETAILS

NAME: Sandy Bannikoff

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OFFICE: Y232

HOURS: Office hours will be conducted online using Collaborate in D2L, as follows: Tuesday 2:30 to 3:30, and Friday 10:30 to 1:30 Note: I am available to speak to students outside after each class. We may need coats and umbrellas, but outdoors is the safest place to talk in person.

As your course instructor, I endeavour to provide an inclusive learning environment. However, if you experience barriers to learning in this course, do not hesitate to discuss them with me. Camosun College is committed to identifying and removing institutional and social barriers that prevent access and impede success.

CALENDAR DESCRIPTION

Students will examine films for their philosophical content. Through a diverse selection of films, students will explore a wide variety of topics such as reality, morality, identity, consciousness, and some with a specific focus on indigenous peoples and perspectives. There will be an emphasis on oral philosophy, and readings from classic and contemporary sources.

PREREQUISITE(S):

One of: • C+ in English 12 • C in Camosun Alternative

CO-REQUISITE(S):

Not Applicable

EXCLUSION(S):

Not Applicable

COURSE LEARNING OUTCOMES / OBJECTIVES

Upon completion of this course a student will be able to: 1. Identify and describe ideas and arguments as expressed through film and other media such as television, music videos, and video shorts. Relate these ideas and arguments to their classical presentations. 2. Identify the ideas that make certain films significant. 3. Describe fundamental philosophical themes arising within films, including themes with an indigenous focus such as indigenization, colonization, decolonization, reconciliation, resistance, and equality. 4. Demonstrate written and oral communication skills.

REQUIRED MATERIALS & RECOMMENDED PREPARATION / INFORMATION

4. Demonstrate written and oral communication skills. 1) Coursepack, available at the Camosun Bookstore, Landsdown Campus 2) Films: Required films are available at Camosun Library, as DVDs or through streaming services: Kanopy, and Audio Cine Films are services purchased by Camosun Library; Hoopla is the service through the Greater Victoria Public Library; NFB (National Film Board) and CBC Gem are free Canadian streaming services. Since students may prefer the convenience of movie rentals, I will note that many of the films are also available from various vendors, Pic-A-Flic or Oswego Video, for example, as well as online. Sources are noted on the Film & Reading list handout. COURSE SCHEDULE, TOPICS, AND ASSOCIATED PREPARATION / ACTIVITY / EVALUATION The following schedule and course components are subject to change with reasonable advance notice, as deemed appropriate by the instructor.

WEEK or DATE RANGE	ACTIVITY or TOPIC	OTHER NOTES
Sept 7 - 10	Introductions	
Sept 13-17	Film: Wente: Five Short Films Readings: Boethius; CBC (link in D2L)	
Sept 20 - 24	Film: Smoke Signals Readings: Deloria; Lourie	
Sept 27 – Oct 1	Film: Atanarjuat Readings: Catlin; Borges	
Oct 4 - 8	Film: The Rider Readings: Johnson; Calhoun; Heaney	October 5 th : Abstract Due
Oct 11 - 15	Film: Hannah Arendt Readings: Arendt; Frankl; Delleire; Solzhenitsyn	
Oct 18 - 22	Film: Malcolm X Readings: Žižek; Smith	First Essay Due October 18- 25
Oct 25 – 29	Film: District 9 Readings: Boghossian; Tranströmer	

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Nov 1 - 5	Film: Children of Men Readings: Stanley; Heaney	November 1 st or 2 nd Abstract Due
Nov 8 - 12	Film: Contrapoints: Justice (Part 1) Readings: Williamson; Yancy	
Nov 15 - 19	Film: Downsizing Readings: Hale; Malthus	Second Essay Due November 15 - 22
Nov 22 – 26	Film: If a Tree Falls Reading: Leopold	
Nov 29 – Dec 3	Film: [students' choice] Reading: [students' choice]	Film & Reading Selections
Dec 6 - 10	Film: The Seventh Seal Reading: Zwicky	Abstract Due December 6 th or 7 th

Students registered with the Centre for Accessible Learning (CAL) who complete quizzes, tests, and exams with academic accommodations have booking procedures and deadlines with CAL where advanced notice is required. Deadlines can be reviewed on the [CAL exams page](http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html). <http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/exams.html>

EVALUATION OF LEARNING

DESCRIPTION	WEIGHTING
First Essay (Abstract = 10%; Essay = 15%)	25%
Second Essay (Abstract = 10%; Essay = 15%)	25%
Final Abstract	10%
Philosophy Journal	20%
Class Community (5% = Favourite Film Week)	20%
TOTAL	100%

If you have a concern about a grade you have received for an evaluation, please come and see me as soon as possible. Refer to the [Grade Review and Appeals](http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf) policy for more information. <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf>

COURSE GUIDELINES & EXPECTATIONS

Class Community This grade reflects that students are expected to keep up with the course work and participate in our seminars. When everyone does the readings, watches the films, and takes some

time to think about what we are studying, the quality of the discussion is elevated. Regard the discussions as professional work; this means no slang, no swearing, best efforts for correct language use. I trust we will know that dignity, courtesy and respect are constantly mandatory.

There is one seminar assignment that is part of Class Community grade. For discussion in Week Thirteen, each student come prepared to tell the class about the philosophy lesson contained in a film & reading pairing of their choice.

Due Dates If you make arrangements ahead of time, there is no problem changing the date your assignment is due. For example, you may have too many assignments due in one week, or one big group assignment, or a long planned appointment, or a family commitment; when you make arrangements ahead of time, any reason will serve to justify your request. Otherwise, please contact me as soon as you are aware that you have missed a due date. Extensions will be granted in cases of illness or crisis. In the case of a personal crisis, students will be referred to Camosun Counselling services.

SCHOOL OR DEPARTMENTAL INFORMATION

STUDENT RESPONSIBILITY

Enrolment at Camosun assumes that the student will become a responsible member of the College community. As such, each student will display a positive work ethic, assist in the preservation of College property, and assume responsibility for their education by researching academic requirements and policies; demonstrating courtesy and respect toward others; and respecting expectations concerning attendance, assignments, deadlines, and appointments.

SUPPORTS AND SERVICES FOR STUDENTS

Camosun College offers a number of services to help you succeed in and out of the classroom. For a detailed overview of the supports and services visit <http://camosun.ca/students/>.

Academic Advising	http://camosun.ca/advising
Accessible Learning	http://camosun.ca/accessible-learning
Counselling	http://camosun.ca/counselling
Career Services	http://camosun.ca/coop
Financial Aid and Awards	http://camosun.ca/financialaid
Help Centres (Math/English/Science)	http://camosun.ca/help-centres
Indigenous Student Support	http://camosun.ca/indigenous
International Student Support	http://camosun.ca/international/

Learning Skills	http://camosun.ca/learningskills
Library	http://camosun.ca/services/library/
Office of Student Support	http://camosun.ca/oss
Ombudsperson	http://camosun.ca/ombuds
Registration	http://camosun.ca/registration
Technology Support	http://camosun.ca/its
Writing Centre	http://camosun.ca/writing-centre

If you have a mental health concern, please contact Counselling to arrange an appointment as soon as possible. Counselling sessions are available at both campuses during business hours. If you need urgent support after-hours, please contact the Vancouver Island Crisis Line at 1-888-494-3888 or call 911.

COLLEGE-WIDE POLICIES, PROCEDURES, REQUIREMENTS, AND STANDARDS

Academic Accommodations for Students with Disabilities

The College is committed to providing appropriate and reasonable academic accommodations to students with disabilities (i.e. physical, depression, learning, etc). If you have a disability, the [Centre for Accessible Learning](#) (CAL) can help you document your needs, and where disability-related barriers to access in your courses exist, create an accommodation plan. By making a plan through CAL, you can ensure you have the appropriate academic accommodations you need without disclosing your diagnosis or condition to course instructors. Please visit the CAL website for contacts and to learn how to get started:

<http://camosun.ca/services/accessible-learning/>

Academic Integrity

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.13.pdf> for policy regarding academic expectations and details for addressing and resolving matters of academic misconduct.

Academic Progress

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.1.pdf> for further details on how Camosun College monitors students' academic progress and what steps can be taken if a student is at risk of not meeting the College's academic progress standards.

Course Withdrawals Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.2.pdf> for further details about course withdrawals. For deadline for fees, course drop dates, and tuition refund, please visit <http://camosun.ca/learn/fees/#deadlines>.

Grading Policy

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.5.pdf> for further details about grading.

Grade Review and Appeals

Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-1-programming-and-instruction/e-1.14.pdf> for policy relating to requests for review and appeal of grades.

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Medical / Compassionate Withdrawals

Students who are incapacitated and unable to complete or succeed in their studies by virtue of serious and demonstrated exceptional circumstances may be eligible for a medical/compassionate withdrawal. Please visit <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.8.pdf> to learn more about the process involved in a medical/compassionate withdrawal.

Sexual Violence and Misconduct

Camosun is committed to creating a campus culture of safety, respect, and consent. Camosun’s Office of Student Support is responsible for offering support to students impacted by sexual violence. Regardless of when or where the sexual violence or misconduct occurred, students can access support at Camosun. The Office of Student Support will make sure students have a safe and private place to talk and will help them understand what supports are available and their options for next steps. The Office of Student Support respects a student’s right to choose what is right for them. For more information see Camosun’s Sexualized Violence and Misconduct Policy: <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.9.pdf> and camosun.ca/sexual-violence. To contact the Office of Student Support: oss@camosun.ca or by phone: 250-370-3046 or 250-3703841

Student Misconduct (Non-Academic)

Camosun College is committed to building the academic competency of all students, seeks to empower students to become agents of their own learning, and promotes academic belonging for everyone. Camosun also expects that all students to conduct themselves in a manner that contributes to a positive, supportive, and safe learning environment. Please review Camosun College’s Student Misconduct Policy at <http://camosun.ca/about/policies/education-academic/e-2-student-services-and-support/e-2.5.pdf> to understand the College’s expectations of academic integrity and student behavioural conduct.

Changes to this syllabus: Every effort has been made to ensure that information in this syllabus is accurate at the time of publication. The College reserves the right to change courses if it becomes necessary so that course content remains relevant. In such cases, the instructor will give the students clear and timely notice of the changes.