PHIL 230: Introduction to Moral Philosophy

Fall 2021 M/W/F 9:35-10:25 am Remote Delivery

Chris Howard chris.howard@mcgill.ca at the time our class would ordinarily start. You must view this video prior to our meeting on Friday, which will be synchronous. During this meeting, field any questions you have about the course.

Assessment

Participation	5%	
Weekly Quizzes	5%	
Paper 1	25%	(October 8, 11:59pm EST)
Paper 2	35%	(November 29, 11:59pm EST)
Final Exam	30%	(Due date TBA)

Participation

Your participation grade will be determined by your attendance and participation in conferences. If you attend for the duration of a conference, you will receive attendance credit for the day. If you are 10 mins. late, or leave 10 mins. early, you receive credit for attending. Note: Attendance and participation k cbibbegin to affect your participation grade until the Add/Drop deadline (on Sept. 14).

Weekly Quizzes

Starting the week of Sept. 14

lectures. Each week the quiz will become available on myCourses on Wednesday at 11:00am EST. You will have 25 minutes to complete the quiz once you start it. After 11:30pm EST on Friday, the quiz will no longer be available. This means that you must complete the quiz prior to this time each week. Your lowest quiz score will be dropped. The answers to each quiz will be posted after it closes.

Papers*

You will write two 5-page (double-spaced) philosophical papers. Each will require to you to explain, and develop a critical response to, some argument or theory that

ore than enough time to complete the assignments. Before writing an initial draft of your first paper, I ask that you please view the guidelines for writing a philosophy paper available on my website: www.chrismhoward.com/teaching.html.

Final Exam*

You will write a take-home final exam for this course during the exam period (Dec. 7th-21st). The exam will be comprehensive (cumulative). It will contain a mix of short answer and essay questions.

*You must turn in all of these assignments to receive a passing grade in this course. If you do not turn in one of these assignments, then you will automatically receive an F for the course.

Teaching Assistants

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Late Work Policy

Email Policy

hours, you can send a short follow up. Make sure to check this syllabus and the course site for answers to your questions before emailing to ask them and please be professional in your correspondence.

Language Policy

submit in English or in French any written work that is to be graded.

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29 September Synchronous Discussion

Moral Theory

- 4 October Consequentialism, Part 1 Russ Shafer-
- 6 October Synchronous Discussion
- **18 October** Consequentialism, Part **2**

Russ Shafer-Landau,

- 20 October Synchronous Discussion
- **25 October** Kantian Ethics
- 27 October Synchronous Discussion
- **1 November** Rossian Pluralism
- 3 November Synchronous Discussion
- 8 November Virtue Ethics

17 November Synchronous Discussion

22 November Ubuntu

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24 November Synchronous Discussion

Metaethics

- **29 November** The Status of Morality JL.
- 1 December Synchronous Discussion
- **6 December** Why Be Moral?