PHILOSOPHY 358 (A01): THEORY OF PERCEPTION SPRING 2019 [22374]

Class times

- **Midterm exam (25%)**. Students will be given 4 study questions calling for essay-style responses; 3 of these will appear on the exam, and students will have to write a response to two of them.
- **Paper (35%)**. approx. 8 pp. long; some topics will be suggested; students may write on a topic of their own design, but only if they obtain the instructor's permission in advance.
- Several short **in-class quizzes** (5%). T/F, multiple-choice, fill-in-the-blank, short answer, etc.), based on the readings; the quizzes will not, as a rule, be announced ahead of time.
- **Final exam (35%)**. The exam will be cumulative; it will be a combination of questions like those on the quizzes, short answer questions, and a choice of longer essay-style questions.

Beyond the student's having adequately addressed the topic question(s) on which he/she writes, evaluation of the midterm responses, papers, and any essay question(s) appearing on the final exam will be based on: evidence of comprehension of the materials and issues addressed; evidence of original and critical thought with regard to that material; the extent to which the student stakes out a position and provides good reasons and arguments for it; the extent to which the student communicates his/her ideas clearly (using complete and grammatical sentences, correct terms, a clear essay structure, and so on). For the short essays, the use of outside materials (i.e., any readings not assigned for the course) is permitted only if you have received the instructor's permission ahead of time. Any materials used for the essays (i.e., any course readings) must be properly cited in the standard way.

Without exception, late papers unaccompanied by a documented medical excuse will be penalized at the rate of 5% per day or portion thereof, starting as soon as the due date and time have passed. Should such a medical emergency arise, let the instructor – ahead of time, if possible. An unexcused absence without a documented medical excuse on the day of a quiz will result in a score of zero.

The standard University grading scheme will be used. Here is an excerpt from it (the full version is here: https://web.uvic(c) 4(h1) -2 (w)a/tHre

			to work with the course material and that indicates the student has met the basic requirements for completing assigned work and/or participating in class activities.
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Week 6 (Feb. 11, 14): Continued, Catch-up

*Midterm exam: Thursday, February 14th

Feb. 18-22: No classes - Reading break

Week 7 (Feb. 25, 28): Disjunctivism

- Fish Ch. 6
- Byrne and Logue, "Either/Or" (C)

* Suggested paper topics distributed: Thursday, February 28th

Week 8 (March 4, 7): Causal theories

- Fish, Ch. 7
- Lewis, "Veridical Hallucination and Prosthetic Vision" (C)

Week 9 (March 11, 14): Non-visual perception

- Fish, Ch. 9
- Reid, selections (C)
 - optional: "Molyneux's Problem", Stanford encyclopedia of philosophy: https://plato.stanford.edu/entries/molyneux-problem/
 - o optional: Grice, "Some Remarks about the Senses" (C)
 - * Deadline for approval, if you wish to do your own paper topic rather than one of the suggested topics: Thursday March 11th

Week 10 (March 18, 21): Perception and Cognitive Science

- Fish, Ch. 8
- Noë & O'Regan, "On the Brain-Basis of Visual Consciousness" (C)
 - o optional: Siegel, "Which Properties are Represented in Perception?" (C)
 - o optional: Milner & Goodale, "The Visual Brain in Action" (C)

Week 11 (March 25, 28): Action and Embodiment

- Merleau-Ponty, "Selections from Phenomenology of Perception" (C)
- Ballard, "On the Function of Visual Representation" (C)
 - o optional: Noë," Experience without the head" (C)

Week 12 (April 1, 4): Continued, Catch-up; Review

^{*} Paper due: Thursday March 28th

^{*}Final Exam: The Term 2 exam period runs April 8-27. The date, time, and location of the final exam will be set by the University as the end of term approaches.

Some important administrative dates (https://web.uvic.ca/calendar2018-09/general/dates.html)

- ! Sun., Jan. 20: last day for 100% reduction of fees
- ! Wed., Jan. 23: last day to for adding first