

PHILOSOPHY 440/541 A01  
Aesthetics in a Larger Philosophical Context  
2020

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<https://uvic.zoom.us/j/92299721206?pwd=S1h5VUdxS1ZMOHJqZzJJZk05RE5zQT09>

*Texts:* This course has no required text other than the pdf of  
(see below).

*Course outline:*

This course will be offered synchronously. Meetings will be Mondays and Thursdays at 10:00 a.m. Pacific Time via Zoom.

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This course is a research seminar. Students are expected to spend the entire term researching and writing a paper on a topic of their own choice. Thi

on the final enrolment in the class) will be given over to presentations of draft essays.

I will participate in the seminar in exactly the same way that the students will. Each class I will discuss a paper that I have read in the course of the week. I will write an essay over the course of the term, and present it to the seminar. I will give the first presentation so as to give students an idea of how these presentations may be conducted.

On the basis of the feedback that students receive from the members the seminar (including the instructor), they will revise their papers for final submission to the instructor.

### *Grading:*

Students will write a 6000-word essay on topics of their own choosing. Students must consult with the instructor about the topic of their paper. An essay proposal is due on October 15<sup>th</sup>. The final version of the essay is due on December 15<sup>th</sup> at 4 p.m. Late papers will be accepted only in the case of documented medical difficulty or personal crisis.

### *Weighting of assignments:*

Essay: 50%

Essay proposal 10%

Essay presentation: 20%

General participation: 20%

Students will receive a final grade out of 100 points. Numbers will be converted to a letter grade in accordance with the following scale: 90-100=A+; 85-89=A; 80-84=A-

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Failure to complete one or more of these elements will result in a grade of "N" regardless of the cumulative percentage on other elements of the course. In order to