

Phil 591: Research Methods Seminar

Syllabus

Course Information:

Instructor: Dr. Audrey Yap (ayap@uvic.ca)
Class Schedule: TWF 9:30-10:20 in CLE B315
Office Hours: Th 9:30am-11:20am on Zoom (sign up required)

Course Website: Through Brightspace (<https://bright.uvic.ca/d2l/home>)
Textbook: All readings available on the course website.

Course Description:

The course has two principal objectives: (1) to develop and hone research and teaching skills needed to complete a graduate degree in philosophy and (2) to explore developments and issues in philosophy related to the research interests of the faculty. Throughout the term, faculty will visit the class to lead discussions of issues that arise in their area of research and talk about their own research methodologies. We will discuss readings related to departmental colloquia, and in the last few weeks we will discuss articles and topics of your choice. The course will, therefore, cover a wide range of philosophical topics in diverse areas of philosophy. However, students can write their term paper on a topic that reflects their own philosophical research interests.

Course Logistics:

Communication: Email is my preferred method of communication, especially for any of-

Term paper proposals will be approximately 1-2 pages, plus a bibliography of 3-5 items that the paper will engage with. Presentations and commentaries will take place on a date after the end of classes in a mini-conference style. Students will be assigned as commentators on each others' papers, and both presentations and commentaries will be evaluated.

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Numerical and Letter Grades:

Grades will be given as percentile marks. The percentile mark for the course will be converted to a letter grade in the following manner:

A+ = 90 - 100, A = 85 - 89, A- = 80 - 84, B+ = 77 - 79, B = 73 - 76, B- = 70 - 72, C+ = 65 - 69, C = 60 - 64, D = 50 - 59, F = 0 - 49. The A range means exceptional, outstanding and excellent performance. A grade in the B range means a very good, good and solid performance. A grade in the C+ or C range means satisfactory, or minimally satisfactory, performance. A grade of D indicates merely passable or marginal performance. An F indicates unsatisfactory performance.

Schedule of Topics:

- Oct 12:
- Oct 14:
- Oct 18:
- Oct 19:
- Oct 21:
- Oct 25:
- Oct 26:
- Oct 28:
- Nov 1:
- Nov 2:
- Nov 4:
- Nov 8:
- Nov 9 | 11: Reading Break
- Nov 15:
- Nov 16:
- Nov 18:
Term Paper Proposals due by Nov 18th
- Nov 22:
- Nov 23:
- Nov 25:
- Nov 29:
- Nov 30:
- Dec 2:
Paper presentations the week of Dec 5th
Term Papers due by Dec 16