## The University of Western Ontario Department of Philosophy Questions of the Day: Philosophy 1305G, Winter 2016 Course Outline

## Course Objectives:

This course seeks to achieve two goals. The most important is to introduce students to, and build upon, a set of standard philosophical skills. Using the readings, lectures, essay assignments, and tutorial discussions this course will help students to identify what it is that makes the set of reasons that support the conclusions of an argument either convincing or implausible, which will also improve their ability to create compelling arguments of their own.

The second goal of this course is to introduce students to philosophical approaches toward some of the dominant issues in contemporary Canadian society. We will, for example, consider what it means for Canada to be a multicultural society. We will also engage competing answers to the following sorts of questions: What is the proper role of

## **AUDIT**

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