

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO  
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY  
Undergraduate Course Outline 2017-2018  
Winter Term 2018**

**Philosophy 2044G: Introduction to the Philosophy of Psychiatry**

**Course Outline**

**Winter Term 2017  
Wed 11:30-12:30, Fri 11:30-13:30  
Classroom: SH 3345  
Office: HSB 214**

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Academic Calendar

University-wide grade descriptors:

your essay and entirely your responsibility. Help is available at the Western Student Development Centre's Learning Help Centre.

### **LATE ESSAYS AND PENALTIES**

Late essays will be penalized one letter grade, or equivalent, per day late. Thus, one day late translates to minus one letter grade; for example, B+ to B, and so on. All late essays will require a documented excuse from your academic counselor which must be emailed directly to me at [charland@uwo.ca](mailto:charland@uwo.ca). Leave late hard copies at Philosophy Essay Box, Stevenson Hall, Near 1st Floor Elevator

### **FILMS**

**Western University**  
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**Test 1: Feb 09 | Fri 11:30-13:20**

**Essay Due: Wed Apr 11, 2018, 1130 am. In hard-copy in class or essay**

**Final Exam [TBA]**

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Week 01

Jan 10 | Wed 11:30-12:30

Jan 12 | Fri 11:30-13:30

Topic: Opioid Epidemic

Required Readings:

(1) DSM 5 Criteria for Opioid Use Disorder (available on OWL Course Resources or UWO Course Readings.)

(2) You want a description of Hell? Oxycontin's 12-Hour Problem. By Harriet Ryan, Lisa Girion, and Scott Glover. A Times Investigation. LA Times. Available at <http://www.latimes.com/projects/oxycontin-part1/>

(3) Pharma influence widespread at medical schools: study, by Wendy Glauser. CMAJ September 17, 2013 vol. 185 no. 13 First published August 12, 2013. Available at <http://www.cmaj.ca/content/185/13/1121.full>

(5) The Family that Built an Empire of Pain, By Patrick, Radden Keefe, New Yorker, Oct. 30, 2017.

Available online at:

<https://www.newyorker.com/magazine/2017/10/30/the-family-that-built-an-empire-of-pain>

Film: Time Bomb, CBC The Fifth Estate. Available at <http://www.cbc.ca/fifth/episodes/2011-2012/time-bomb>

Discussions Questions: (1) What do you think and how do you feel about this film? (2) Do you know of anyone who has been affected by this epidemic? (3) What is methadone maintenance

(3) Fulford, K.W.M. (2001). 'What is (mental) disease?': an open letter to Christopher Boorse. *Journal of Medical Ethics*, 27, 80-85.









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Week 12

Apr 04 | Wed 1130-1230

Apr 06 | Fri 1130 – 1330

Topic: Gender, Sexuality, and Psychopathology

Readings:

(1) H. Englehardt, Tristram Jr. (1981). The Disease of Masturbation: Values and the Concept of Disease.

(2) Jack Drescher. (2015). Out of DSM: Depathologizing Homosexuality. Behavioural Sciences, 5(4), 565-575. Available online at:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4695779/>

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