

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO**  
**DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**  
**ARTS AND HUMANITIES**  
**Undergraduate Course Outline 2017-2018**  
Philosophy 2062F: Power, Oppression, and Privilege

**Fall Term 2017-2018**

**M 10:30-11:30, W 10:30-12:30**

**B&GS1056**

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**COURSE DESCRIPTION**

Debates about power, oppression, and privilege have taken centre stage in recent political discussions at every level. This course aims to provide tools for thinking clearly about these provocative and emotionally-charged issues as they pertain to our current social and political landscape, and to its historical roots. The course will explore background philosophical concepts such as utilitarianism and deontology,



**First Essay Assignment distributed Oct. 18**

**Week Six (Oct 23-25): Social and Epistemic Privilege**

Barker, Beyond Biofatalism (excerpts)  
Choudhury, *Deep Diversity* (Introduction)  
Tseghay, "It's not just in our heads: What 'Deep Diversity' gets wrong  
about racism"

## **Second Essay Due Nov. 29**

### **Week Twelve (Dec 4): Closing Reflections**

No new reading

### **Guidelines**

#### 1. Submission of essays

Please submit your assignments electronically. Do not submit a paper copy.

In order to submit your assignment, visit the OWL site for this course. On the left-hand navigation menu you will find the assignment tool. Click on this tool and you will find the assignment guidelines and basic instructions for submitting your assignment. To submit your assignment upload it and click on the submit button at the bottom of the page. A corrected version of your paper will be returned to you through the OWL site.

#### 2. Turnitin.com

All required papers will be subject to submission for textual similarity review to the commercial plagiarism detection software under license to the University for the detection of plagiarism. All papers submitted will be included as course documents in the reference database for the purpose of detecting plagiarism of papers subsequently submitted to the system. Use of the service is subject to the licensing agreement currently between The University of Western Ontario and Turnitin.com (<http://www.turnitin.com>).

#### 3. Extensions

Exceptions to the above work submission dates may be granted only as a result of petition to

#### 4. Late essays and penalties

An essay will be considered late if it is handed in after the due date without a prearranged extension (or after the extended date, in the case of an extension). Late essays will be penalized at the rate of **two** percentage points per day late. No coursework can be accepted

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