

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2018-2019
Philosophy 3710F: Meta-Ethics

READING SCHEDULE

Week One (September 6th): **Organization and Introduction**

Required Readings: none

Week Two (September 11th and 13th): **The Naturalistic Fallacy**

Required Readings: Moore, Principia Ethica, §§ 1-17

Week Three (September 18th and 20th): **The Naturalistic Fallacy**

Required Reading: Thomson,

Week Four (September 25th and 27th): **Expressivism**

Required Readings: Ayer, Language, Truth, and Logic, ch. 6

Optional Reading: -
the Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy)

Week Five (October 2nd and 4th): **Expressivism**

Required Readings: Blackburn, thical Anti-

In-class **Quiz #1** on **Tuesday, October 2nd**

Week Six (October 9th and 11th): **Fall Reading Week no class**

Week Seven (October 16th and 18th): **Expressivism/Error Theory**

Required Reading: Justification Possible on a Quasi-Realist

Mackie, Ethics: Inventing Right and Wrong, ch. 1

NOTE: **First Essay Assignment is due on Tuesday, October 16th 2018.**

Week Eight (October 23rd and 25th): **Error Theory**

Required Reading:

In-class Quiz #2 on **Tuesday, October 23rd**

In-class Quizzes:

Quiz #1: October

All course work must be submitted by the last day of classes, i.e., Friday December 7th, 2018.

Academic policies on examinations, appeals, absences due to illness, etc. may be found in the 2018-19 Academic Counselor.

4. Late essays and penalties

An essay will be considered late if it is handed in after the due date. Late essays will be penalized at the rate of **five** percentage points on the first day it is late, followed by a deduction of **one** percentage point for each subsequent day up to a maximum of 50%, at which point a grade of 0 will be automatically recorded

NOTE: This policy DOES NOT apply to Essay #3, which is due on the last day of classes for the semester (i.e., Friday, December 7th 2018) time, a grade of 0 will (regrettably) be automatically applied.

5. Plagiarism

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Students must write their essays and assignments in their own words. Whenever students take an idea, or a passage from another author, they must acknowledge their debt both by using quotation marks where appropriate and by proper referencing such as footnotes or citations. Plagiarism is a MAJOR academic offence (see Scholastic Offence Policy in the Western Academic Calendar).

6. E-mail policy

I am **not** able to respond to philosophical concerns or questions over e-mail. I will deal with such concerns or questions during my office hours **only**. If you have a problem turning in an assignment on time or you need to make an appointment with me or you have some private issue you would like to communicate to me, feel free to use e-mail. Otherwise, please attend my office hours or make an appointment to see me.

