

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** **Philosophy of Risk**

**Course Number and Section:**

PHILOSOP

2263F 550

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### Course Description:

Drawing on probability and decision theory, ethics, and legal philosophy, the course will deal with personal choice and the perception of risk, the moral and social acceptability of risks, and the legal management of risk.

### Learning Outcomes:

1. Describe philosophical theories concerning risk.
2. Apply these theories to concrete situations.
3. Discuss competing points of view on issues in philosophy of risk.
4. Evaluate conflicting philosophical arguments related to these issues.
5. Formulate well-reasoned solutions to practical dilemmas.
6. Persuade others of a well-reasoned stance or action.
7. Demonstrate skillful critical and reflective thinking.

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

Risk: Philosophical Perspectives, Tim Lewens ed., Routledge (2007). Available through Western's bookstore

Laws of Fear: Beyond the Precautionary Principle, Sunstein, Carl, Cambridge (2005). Available through Western's bookstore.

### Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Attendance	12/06/24	10
Midterm Exam #1	10/05/24	30

<b>Assignment</b>	<b>Due Date mm/dd/yy</b>	<b>Weight - %</b>
Midterm Exam #2	11/09/24	30
Final Exam	TBA	30

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