

Huron Brief Course Outlines

Fall/Winter 2023-2024

Course Title: Philosophy of Risk

Course Number and Section

PHILOSOPHY

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 effective writing and 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.

Writing Philosophy: A Guide for Canadian Students, (2nd edition), Vaughn, Lewis and Scott McIntosh, Jillian (2013). Available through Western's bookstore.

Methods of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Class Attendance	12/07/2023	10%
Midterm Exam	10/14/2023	25%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Essay	11/28/2023	30%
Final Exam	TBA	35%

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.