

**WESTERN UNIVERSITY
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2026-27**

**Philosophy 3030G
NIETZSCHE**

Winter Term M 10:30-12:30, W 11:30-12:30 Location: TBD	Instructor: Corey Dyck Office Hours: TBD cdyck5@uwo.ca
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DESCRIPTION

This course is a survey of Friedrich Nietzsche's philosophical writings, including texts from his early, middle, and late periods. Among the topics to be considered are his genealogical critique of morality, his theory of aesthetic creation and artistic experience, his doctrine of eternal recurrence, his conception of the *Übermensch*, and the significance of his declaration of the death of God.

TEXTS

F. Nietzsche, *The Birth of Tragedy from the Spirit of Music* (Cambridge)

———, *The Genealogy of Morals / Ecce Homo* (Vintage)

———, *The Gay Science* (Cambridge)

———, *Thus Spoke Zarathustra* (Cambridge)

(Additional primary and secondary material will be supplied during the course)

OBJECTIVES

Students completing this course successfully will (1) be familiar with some of the key works of one of the most enigmatic figures in the history of philosophy, (2) have demonstrated an ability to comprehend complex philosophical arguments and reflect critically upon them, and (3) be able to write concise argumentative papers exhibiting research competence.

REQUIREMENTS

Evaluation will consist in a combination of a midterm exam, short assignments, and a final research paper.

AUDIT

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes. All auditors will be expected to complete the regular short assignments as a condition of attendance.

DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY POLICIES

The Department of Philosophy policies that govern the conduct, standards, and expectations for student participation in Philosophy courses are available in the Undergraduate section of the Department of Philosophy website <http://uwo.ca/philosophy/undergraduate/policies.html>.

It is your responsibility to understand the policies set out by the Senate and the Department of

Philosophy, and thus ignorance of these policies cannot be used as grounds of appeal.

ACCOMMODATION

Students seeking academic accommodation on medical grounds for any missed tests, exams, participation components and/or assignments worth 10% or more of their final grade must apply to the Academic Counselling office of their home Faculty and provide documentation. Academic accommodation cannot be granted by the instructor or department. Documentation shall be submitted, as soon as possible, to the Office of the Dean of the student's Faculty of registration, together with a request for relief specifying the nature of the accommodation being requested. The UWO Policy on Accommodation for Medical Illness and further information regarding this policy can be found at

http://uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/accommodation_medical.pdf.

EVALUATION OF ACADEMIC PERFORMANCE

At least three days prior to the deadline for withdrawal from a course without academic penalty, students will receive an assessment of work accounting for at least 15% of their final grade.

COURSE ASSIGNMENT

The last day of scheduled classes in any course will be the last day on which course assignments will be accepted for credit in a course. Instructors will be required to return assignments to students as promptly as possible with reasonable explanations of the instructor's assessment of the assignment.

ACADEMIC OFFENCES

Scholastic offences are taken seriously and students are directed to read the appropriate policy, specifically, the definition of what constitutes a Scholastic Offence, at the following Web site:

http://www.uwo.ca/univsec/pdf/academic_policies/appeals/scholastic_discipline_undergrad.pdf

PLAGIARISM CHECKING

All required papers may 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 for such checking will be included as source 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>.

STATEMENT ON USE OF AI TOOLS

Use of AI tools such as ChatGPT is *not* forbidden in this course, but it is restricted to the purposes of brainstorming, information gathering, preliminary research, and improving expression in your own writing. If you have made use of AI tools for your essay assignment you are required to specify the purposes for which you have used it in your paper itself (in, for instance, an initial footnote). Your final assignments should in any case reflect your own critical thinking and independent work.

SUPPORT SERVICES

Registrarial Services <http://www.registrar.uwo.ca>

Student Support Services <https://student.uwo.ca/psp/heprdweb/?cmd=login>
Services provided by the USC <http://westernusc.ca/services/>
Student Development Centre <http://www.sdc.uwo.ca/>

Students who are in emotional/mental distress should refer to Mental Health@Western <http://www.uwo.ca/uwocom/mentalhealth/> for a complete list of options about how to obtain help. Immediate help in the event of a crisis can be had by phoning 519.661.3030 (during class hours) or 519.433.2023 after class hours and on weekends.