

PHL 226/226W/426 Philosophy of Law

Spring Semester 2014

Classroom: MOREY 525

Meeting times: MWF 9:00-9:50PM

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Texts

Austin, John. *The Province of Jurisprudence Determined*. Indianapolis: Hackett, 1998.

Finnis, John. *Natural Law and Natural Rights*. 2nd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2011.

Hart, H. L. A. *The Concept of Law*. 3rd ed. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2012.

Assignments

Midterm Exam: 33%

Final Exam: 33%

Paper Proposal: 1%

Rough Draft: 5%

Final Draft: 28%

- The paper should be 12-15 pages for undergraduate students or 15-20 pages for graduate students. Papers should be in 12-point Times New Roman with one-inch margins on the top, bottom, left, and right. You should adhere to one of the three common style manuals (MLA, Chicago, or APA). Use footnotes and include a works cited page. The paper should be printed, stapled, and turned in at the start of class. Late papers may be e-mailed to me.
- If you have a reasonable excuse for missing an exam, schedule a time with me to make it up (having pneumonia is a reasonable excuse; being in Disneyworld not a reasonable excuse).
- Late papers will be penalized 3 points out of 100 every calendar day, starting the minute after the paper is due and every 24 hours thereafter.
- Do not plagiarize. Plagiarism is copying someone else's work and presenting it as your own. Plagiarists will be severely penalized.
- I reserve the right to raise any student's grade one letter grade (e.g. from B+ to A-) due to consistently helpful participation in class discussions. Students will listen better and

learn more if their concerns or those of their peers are openly expressed and discussed. Also, class participation helps me to know what the students are and are not understanding.

- This syllabus is subject to change. If I change it, I will notify you by sending an e-mail to the e-mail address associated with your student profile in the university computer system. You are responsible for reading all e-mails I send to this address about syllabus revisions or other course business.

Classroom Rules

- No talking to your neighbor, even if it is about the material under discussion. Do not speak unless you raise your hand and I call on you.
- Do not use cellular phones, tablets, ebook readers, laptops, or Google Glass during class. Their use will distract the user, other students, and me. Take notes on paper.
- Do not record class lectures.
- Do not eat in class.
- Do not go to the bathroom unless you have an emergency. Do not ask for permission to go to the bathroom if you do have an emergency.
- Do not come late.
- If you miss class, contact another student for the notes. I will not give you my notes, nor will I post them on the internet. Do not apologize for missing class. If circumstances arise which prevent you from coming to class for an extended period, you should drop the class (or withdraw if it is past the drop deadline).
- Students who repeatedly violate these classroom rules are ineligible for the participation bonus.

Schedule

Wed., 15 Jan. Introduction
Fri., Jan. 17 Austin, 365-373, 1-9.
Mon., Jan. 20 **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no class)**
Wed., Jan. 22 Austin, Lecture I, 9-33.
Fri., Jan. 24 Austin, Lecture II, 33-58.
Mon., Jan. 27 Austin, Lecture III, 59-82.
Wed., Jan. 29 Austin, Lecture IV, 82-118.
Fri., Jan. 31 Austin, Lecture V, 118-138.
Mon., Feb. 3 Austin, Lecture V(continued), 138-158.
Wed., Feb. 5 Austin, Lecture V(continued), 158-178.
Fri., Feb. 7 Austin, Lecture V (continued), 158-191.
Mon., Feb. 10 Austin, Lecture VI (continued), 191-211.
Wed., Feb. 12 Austin, Lecture VI (continued), 211-231.
Fri., Feb. 14 Austin, Lecture VI (continued), 231-251.
Mon., Feb. 17 Austin, Lecture VI (continued), 251-271.
Wed., Feb. 19 Austin, Lecture VI (continued), 271-311.
Fri., Feb. 21 Hart, ch. 1, 1-17.
Mon., Feb. 24 Hart, ch. 2, 18-25.

Wed., Feb. 26 Hart, ch.3, 26-49.

Fri., Feb. 28 Hart, ch.4, 50-78.

Mon., Mar. 3 Hart, ch.5, 79-99.

Wed., Mar. 5 Hart, ch.6, 100-110.

Fri., Mar. 7 **Midterm in class**

Mon., Mar. 10 **Spring Break (no class)**

Wed., Mar. 12 **Spring Break (no class)**

Fri., Mar. 14 **Spring Break (no class)**

Mon., Mar. 17 Hart, ch.6, 110-123.

Paper proposal due at beginning of class

Wed., Mar. 19 Hart, ch.7, 124-154.

Fri., Mar. 21 Hart, ch. 8 155-184.

Mon., Mar. 24 Hart, ch. 9, 185-212.

Wed., Mar. 26 Hart, ch. 10, 213-237.

Fri., Mar. 28 Finnis, ch. 1.

Mon., Mar. 31 Finnis, ch. 1.

Wed., Apr. 2 Finnis, ch. 2.

Fri., Apr. 4 Finnis, ch. 2.

Mon., Apr. 7 Finnis, ch. 3.

Wed., Apr. 9 Finnis, ch. 3.

Fri., Apr. 11 Finnis, ch. 4.

Rough draft due at beginning of class

Mon., Apr. 14 Finnis, ch. 4.

Wed., Apr. 16 Finnis, ch. 5

Fri., Apr. 18 Finnis, ch. 5.

Mon., Apr. 21 Finnis, ch. 6

Wed., Apr. 23 Finnis, ch. 6.

Fri., Apr. 25 Finnis, ch. 7.

Mon., Apr. 28 Finnis, ch. 7.

Wed., Apr. 30 Finnis, ch. 8.

Final draft due at beginning of class

Final Exam **Wednesday, May 7, 8:30AM in our usual classroom, MOREY 525.**