



## **PH8003: Professional Seminar**

**Fall 2020**

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Time: Tuesday 3-6 (for exceptions see schedule) on Zoom  
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### **Course Description**

The Professional Seminar is a required course for all first year students. While the topic may vary from year to year, the seminar has several consistent aims. It will introduce students to the professional skills needed to succeed in the program and the profession, including an introduction to Ryerson's library. Students will meet the department's faculty, who will present their research and discuss the methods they employ and the distinctive traditions in which they work. Finally, the seminar will initiate the mentoring and planning processes needed to successfully complete the program, including grant and scholarship applications.

### **Attendance**

The course will be delivered virtually on Zoom and synchronously. Attendance in this course is mandatory. The course may not meet every week, and usually does not last the entire three hours (see tentative schedule below).

### **Contacting Me/Email**

Note that, according to Ryerson's academic policy you are required to use, and to monitor, your Ryerson email account for this course.

### **Consultation**

Email me to make an appointment for a meeting on Zoom if you have any questions or concerns about this course or anything else regarding the program.

### **Evaluation**

This is a Pass/Fail course. To receive a pass grade, you must attend, and where relevant participate in, all course meetings. Occasionally, students will be sent articles or files to study before a given class meeting. **If you cannot attend a session for some excusable reason (see Course Policies below), please let the instructor know in advance if feasible. Failure to attend without an excusable reason will result in a grade of FAIL for this course.** (Note that, unlike missing an undergraduate class, it is considered *very* bad form not to notify the instructor of any grad seminar in advance that you will miss a class.)

## Course Policies

### Alternative Arrangements for Missed Classes and Assignments

- Exemptions for missed classes will normally be granted ONLY for reasons of illness or injury, religious observance, disability and compassionate grounds (see below).
- Exemptions will NOT be granted for the following reasons:
  - Computer failure, loss of work (keep a backup copy of all your work)
  - Social engagements, including family-related events
  - Work schedules
  - Coincident deadlines in other courses
  - Travel other than home-to-school commuting (holidays, cancelled flights, *e.g.*)
- Requests for exemptions will be considered in the following cases:
  1. *Illness/Injury/Compassionate Grounds*. Students must provide, as soon as medically feasible, a completed Ryerson Health Certificate (obtained at <http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/forms/medical.pdf>) **AND** an [Academic Consideration form](#). **Submit these forms to your own school or department.** The nature of the alternative arrangement is left to the discretion of the instructor. For further details, refer to Ryerson Academic Policy 134, Undergraduate Academic Consideration and Appeals, available at <http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/policies/pol134.pdf>.
  2. *Religious Observance*. Ryerson policy allows accommodation for religious observances. Requests for such accommodation must be made no later than two weeks prior to the conflict in question and preferably should be made during the first two weeks of class. **Requests must be presented to the student's own program office.** For the appropriate forms and instructions, see <http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/forms/reobservforminstr.pdf>. Ryerson's full policy on Accommodation of Student Religious Observance Obligations is available at <http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/policies/pol150.pdf>
  3. *Disability*. Academic accommodations will be provided for students with a disability, physical or mental, temporary or permanent, as per Ryerson's [policy #159](#). Students with a diagnosed disability should register with Ryerson [Academic Accommodation Support](#) at the start of the term. Before the first graded work is due, students should inform their instructor, through an "Accommodation Form for Professors", that they are registered with Academic Accommodation Support. Students who face an unforeseen disability during the semester may request interim accommodation, pending receipt of documentation, by registering with Academic Accommodation Support.
  4. *Compassionate Grounds*. Students unable to complete assignments due to loss of a family member or loved one, or due to personal difficulties that are interfering with their studies, should speak to the instructors as soon as possible. The instructor reserves the right to require documentation, depending upon the circumstances.

## Academic Misconduct

- Students are reminded that they are required to adhere to all relevant University policies, such as the Student Code of Academic Conduct (available online at: <http://www.ryerson.ca/senate/policies/pol60.pdf>). This code treats plagiarism (the misrepresentation of someone else's work as your own) as a form of academic misconduct. For detailed information concerning academic misconduct and the relevant penalties, see the Student Code. Note that **the instructor will be distributing information specifying the required citation practices for assignments in this course, and that you are responsible for being aware of and employing this information.** Note also **that it is your responsibility to be aware of what constitutes plagiarism,** and that ignorance of this is not an acceptable excuse. For further information on plagiarism and how to avoid it, go to Ryerson's Academic Integrity website ([www.ryerson.ca/ai](http://www.ryerson.ca/ai)). This site contains tutorials and quizzes to help you learn about various types of misconduct, as well as a brief guide to avoiding plagiarism (<http://www.ryerson.ca/ai/students/studentplagiarism.html>)
- Students should be aware that the instructor reserves the right, upon suspicion of academic misconduct, to submit work to a plagiarism detection database (turnitin.com) and/or conduct an oral examination on the assignment.

## Tentative Course Schedule

- Sessions exclusively or mainly for Professional Seminar students will have the same **Zoom meeting ID: 921 5391 5043 and passcode: 686688**. Workshops (e.g., Klaas Kraay's in week 2) and talks in the Guest Lecture Series, which have wider intended audiences, will be set up separately; and the Zoom meeting information will be emailed to you in advance of the event.
- The syllabus will be updated as further details become known.

Week	Date	Topic	Notes
1	8 Sept.	<b>TAing for SSH 105 Critical Thinking</b> (with Prof. David Hunter, Shane Brennan, Asad Khan, and Omar Khan)	3-5
2	15 Sept.	<b>Applying for SSHRC &amp; OGS funding; Internet Resources &amp; Professional Opportunities</b> (with Prof. Klaas Kraay)	3-5:30
3	22 Sept.	<b>No class</b>	
4	29 Sept.	<b>Faculty Discuss their Research and Supervision</b>	3-6
5	6 Oct.	<b>Philosophical Writing: Well-crafted Essays</b> (with Prof. Jo Kornegay)	3-5
		Fall Study Week No class	
6	20 Oct.	<b>Conceptual Analysis</b> (with Glenn Parsons)	3-5:30
7	27 Oct.	<b>Guest Speaker:</b> Dr. Jason Kawall (Colgate) Title: "Of Carts and Horses: On the Explanation of Right Action in Virtue Ethics"	3-5
8	3 Nov.	<b>Philosophical Writing: Working with Historical Texts</b> (with Prof. Kym MacLaren)	3-5:30
9	10 Nov.	<b>Guest Speaker:</b> Dr. Daniel Conway (Texas A & M) Title: TBA	3-5
10	17 Nov.	<b>Human Rights and Accommodations</b> (with Erin Hallock, Human Rights Services, Ryerson University)	

11	24 Nov. .	<b>Guest Speaker:</b> Dr. Michael Brady (Glasgow) Title: TBA	3-5
12	1 Dec..	TBA	