

## **Philosophy 457: Modal Logic**

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### **I. Description and Readings**

We will be studying modal logic, the logic of necessity and possibility. If there is time, we will also study the metaphysics of modality, the metaphysics of necessity and possibility. When studying modal logic, we will read parts of David Braun's manuscript *Logical Methods in Philosophy*. The relevant parts of the manuscript will be available somehow. If we study the metaphysics of modality, other readings will be made available to you. A schedule will be posted and updated on the course webpage. You will be expected to have done the readings before class and to bring the relevant texts with you.

### **II. Requirements**

The course grade will be based on at least three and no more than six short assignments. You will have at least one week to complete each assignment. Participation can help (but not hurt) your grade.

### **III. A Warning about Academic Dishonesty**

It is difficult to overstate the importance of academic honesty. If you are unsure about what counts as academic dishonesty (e.g. plagiarism) or about how to cite sources, ask. You are responsible for knowing the University of Manitoba regulations. Start by consulting the General Academic Regulations and Requirements, particularly Section 7 (Academic Integrity) at

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