

CATALOG INFORMATION

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Dept & Nbr: PHL 210 Title: ETHICS
Full Title: Ethics

Units	Course Hours	Per Week	Nbr of Weeks	Course Hours	Total
Max: 3.0	Lecture	3.0	17	Lecture	51.0
Min: 3.0	Lab	0.0		Lab	0.0
	Contact DHR	0.0		Contact DHR	0.0
	Contact Total	3.0		Contact Total	51.0
	Non-contact DHR	0.0		Non-contact DHR	0.0

Title 5 Category: 01 AA Degree Applic
Grading: GC Credit course for grade or CR/NC
Repeatability: 00 No repeatability allowed or defined
Also listed as:

CATALOG DESCRIPTION:

Study of selected philosophical texts and theories of ethics with emphasis on the critical evaluation and appreciation to contemporary issues. Includes both Western and non-Western perspectives. Representative texts drawn from natural law, virtue, divine command, utilitarian and eastern religious traditions.

PREREQUISITES:

COREQUISITES:

RECOMMENDED PREPARATION:

No advisories.

LIMITS ON ENROLLMENT:

SCHEDULE OF CLASSES INFORMATION:

How and why do we make the ethical choices in our lives? Explore the theory and application of this question from Greek to modern times. (Grade or CR/NC)
Transfer Credit: CSU; UC. (CAN PHIL 4)

ARTICULATION and CERTIFICATE INFORMATION

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ASSOCIATE DEGREE:	Effective: FALL	1981	Inactive:
Area: C	HUMANITIES		
CSU GE:	Effective: FALL	1981	Inactive:
Transfer area: C2	HUMANITIES		

IGETC: Effective: FALL 1981 Inactive:
 Transfer area: 3B HUMANITIES

CSU TRANSFER: TRANSFERABLE Effective: FALL 1981 Inactive:

UC TRANSFER: TRANSFERABLE Effective: FALL 1981 Inactive:

CAN:
 PHIL 4 Grp Nbr: 01 Effective: SPRING 1991 Inactive:

CERTIFICATE APPLICABLE: N NOT CERTIFICATE/MAJOR APPLICABLE

APPROVAL AND DATES

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Version 01 Submitted by: TOM MACMILLAN Date: 06/01/1981
 Department approved: Date:
 Curriculum approved: 06/01/1981 Version approved: 06/01/1981
 Prerequisites approved: 06/01/1981 Last reviewed: 01/31/1995
 Term effective: FALL 1981 Last taught: SUMMER 2008 Inactive:

COURSE CONTENT

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OUTCOME AND OBJECTIVES:

1. Demonstrate familiarity with the working vocabulary of Ethics as a branch of Western Philosophy.
2. Demonstrate familiarity with the schools of thought associated with the Classical, Judeo-Christian, and selected Non-Western approaches to Ethics.
3. Recognize and differentiate Consequential and Non-Consequential approaches to the resolution of Ethical dilemmas.
4. Apply alternative Ethical analyses to contemporary issues.
5. Articulate and defend personal Ethical choices related to contemporary issues.

TOPICS AND SCOPE:

1. Introduction
 - a. Ethics as a branch of philosophy
 - b. Basic Vocabulary of ethical discourse
 - c. Criteria and standards for ethical judgments
 - d. Why should we be moral?
2. Classical Ethical Theory
 - a. The Nicomachean ethics of Aristotle
 - b. Virtue-based ethical theory in classical terms
 - c. Historical and cultural relativism
3. Consequential Ethical Theories
 - a. Ethical egoism
 - b. Utilitarianism
 - c. Pragmatism
4. Deontological Ethical Theories
 - a. Divine Command Theory
 - b. Natural Law Theory
 - c. Kantian Deontology
5. Contrasts between Eastern and Western views
 - a. Foundations of Christian ethics

- b. Foundations of Eastern ethics - Buddhism
- 6. Applications of Ethical Theory to Selected Contemporary Issues

ASSIGNMENTS:

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READING ASSIGNMENTS:

There will be weekly reading assignments from original source material as contemporary commentary on the sources.

WRITING ASSIGNMENTS:

Examinations: There will be two (2) mid-term examinations and a final, each of which will include essay as well as objective items.

Papers: There will be a minimum of three (3) short papers (500-750 words).

Students wishing to receive the grade of 'A' will be required to submit a term project of not less than 1,500 words analyzing and resolving an ethical issue drawn from contemporary life.

OUTSIDE ASSIGNMENTS:

None

ASSIGNMENTS THAT DEMONSTRATE CRITICAL THINKING:

All written assignments will require the analysis of an issue, the development of an ethical perspective on the issue, and the application of ethical precepts to the issues raised by the ethical concern.

METHOD OF INSTRUCTION:

Lecture, discussion.

FOR DISTANCE EDUCATION COURSES:

The content of this course is delivered using some form or forms of distance technology such as television, videotape, audiotape, or the Internet. For telecourses, no less than 11 hours of personal contact between instructor and students shall be included through: group or individual meetings; orientation and review sessions; supplemental in-person activities.

For on-line courses, instructor/student contact may take place in a face-to-face setting and/or through e-mail or other electronic means. Students may interact with each other through in-person study groups, electronic message boards, or other means.

METHODS OF EVALUATION:

Examinations: (approximately 60-80%). Two (2) Mid-term and one (1) Final Examination, each of which include both essay and objective items. Short Papers: (approximately 10 - 20%); Long Paper: (approximately 10 - 20%)

BASIS FOR GRADING:

The assignment of a grade is based on the level of achievement of the outcomes and objectives of the course outline and is reflected in quantifiable terms in the course syllabus.

REPRESENTATIVE TEXTBOOKS:

Conduct & Character, Timmons, Mark. 3rd Ed., Wadsworth Publishing Co.
 Contemporary Moral Issues, Hinman, Lawrence, 2nd Ed., Prentice Hall

RATIONALE

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RESOURCES REQUIRED

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MISCELLANEOUS

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Advisory generate desc:	N	NO
Area department:	PHL	PHILOSOPHY
Audit flag:	N	NOT AUDITABLE
Basic skills:	X	NOT BASIC SKILLS
Classification:	A	Liberal Arts and Sciences
Cost level:	01	
Disciplines:		PHILOSOPHY
Division:	01	GAITHER LOEWENSTEIN
Faculty service areas:		PHILOSOPHY
Fee:	\$0.00	
In-service:	X	NOT IN-SERVICE
Level below transfer:	X	NOT APPLICABLE
Matric-requiring:	X	Exempt from assessment
Maximum class size:	0	
Maximum wait list:	0	
Method of instruction:	02	LECTURE
	63	TV/VIDEO 1-WAY; PASSIVE
	99	OTHER/UNSPECIFIED METHOD OF INSTRUCTION
Non-credit category:	X	NOT APPLICABLE, CREDIT COURSE
Open entry/exit:	N	Not open entry/exit
Pacs activity:	1509	PHILOSOPHY
Pacs program project:	0000	
Preq/coreq generate desc:	N	NO
Preq/coreq provisional:	N	NO
Preq/coreq reg check:	N	NO PREREQUISITE RULES EXIST
Repeat group id:		
Requires instructor sig:	N	INSTRUCTOR'S SIGNATURE NOT REQUIRED
SAM classification:	E	Non-occupational
Selected/special topic:	N	NOT A SELECTED TOPIC COURSE
Special class:	X	NOT A SPECIAL COURSE
TOP code:	1509.00	PHILOSOPHY
Workload:	0.0000	