

PHIL 2625 - Introduction to Professional Ethics

Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section 01, CRN 41672,

Credit hours: 3

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Course Description

2625. Introduction to Professional Ethics. An examination of the ideals and virtues central to professionalism; study of selected codes of professional ethics and their roots in classical ethical traditions; and analysis of selected ethical issues and problems in a variety of professions. 3 s.h.

Course Readings

Group	Title	Author	ISBN
Required	1. Ethical Issues in Professional Life, Oxford University Press edited by Joan C. Callahan		19-505026-6
Required	2. Additional Readings on Blackboard		

The course readings are subject to change in the event of extenuating circumstances, research developments, current events, and/or to ensure better learning.

Schedule of Topics and Assignments

Week of	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
8/24	Ensure Access to Content (Blackboard) Class Introduction (Discussion Board) Download/Access Moral Theory Study Guide	Course Introduction	All due: 08/30
8/31	Textbook: Ch.1 Basics and Background (pp. 3–13), Joan Callahan Movie Clip: part of a West Wing Discussion 1 [09/07: Holiday (University closed): Labor Day]	Module 1: Introduction to Moral Theory	All Due: 09/06



9/7	Textbook: Ch. 1 (pp. 14–24) Moral Theory Study Guide* QUIZ 1	Module 1 (Contd.)	All Due: 09/13
9/14	Textbook: Ch. 2: Professions/ Professionalization: "The Professions," Michael Bayles "Professions and Emerging Professions," Bernard Barber Discussion 2	Module 2: The Profession	All Due: 09/20
9/21	Textbook: Ch. 2: "Professions," Everett Hughes Blackboard: "Altruism is at the Heart of Our Story," Giuffra QUIZ 2: Practice Case Study*	Module 2 (Contd.)	All Due: 09/27
9/28	Textbook: Ch. 3: Occupational and Ordinary Morality: "Professional Responsibility of the Criminal Defense Lawyer: The Three Hardest Questions," Monroe Freedman Movie Clip: Anatomy of a Murder "Is Business Bluffing Ethical," Albert Carr "The Business of Ethics," Norman Gillespie Discussion 3	Module 3: Occupational vs Ordinary Morality	All Due: 10/04
10/5	Textbook: Ch. 3: "Ruthlessness in Public Life," Thomas Nagel Moral Theory Study Guide* QUIZ 3	Module 3 (Contd.)	All Due: 10/11
10/12	Textbook: Ch. 4: Professionals and Clients: "Models for Ethical Medicine in a Revolutionary Age," Robert Veatch "Contract or Covenant," William F. May "Academic Paternalism," Joan Callahan Discussion 4 QUIZ 4	Module 4: Professionals and Clients	Discussion 4: Due (10/16) QUIZ 4: Due (10/18)



10/19	Textbook Ch. 5: Deception "Should Doctor's Tell the Truth?" Joseph Collins "Lying and Lies to the Sick and Dying," Sissela Bok "Lies for the Public Good," Sissela Bok Discussion 5 QUIZ 5	Module 4 (Contd.)	Discussion 5: Due (10/23) Quiz 5: Due (10/25)
10/26	Textbook Ch. 6: Informed Consent "Opinion in Canterbury vs. Spence," Judge Spotswood Robinson III. "Informed (but Uneducated) Consent," Franz J. Ingelfinger "Cheaper than Chimpanzees," Jessica Mitford Discussion 6 QUIZ 6	Module 5: Informed Consent	Discussion 6: Due (10/30) QUIZ 6: Due (11/01)
11/2	Textbook: Ch. 7: Privacy and Confidentiality: "Can You Pass the Job Test?" Newsweek "Privacy, Morality and the Law," W. A. Parent "Invasions of Privacy in Social Science Research," Terry Pinkard QUIZ 7	Module 6: Privacy; Confidentiality; Corporate Moral Agency	QUIZ 7: (Due: 11/08)
11/9	[11/11: Holiday (University closed): Veteran's Day] Textbook: Ch. 8: Individual and Collective Responsibility: "Corporate Moral Agency," Peter French " Corporate Moral Agency: The Case for Anthropological Bigotry," John Danley Movie Clips: The Corporation QUIZ 8	Module 6 (Contd.)	QUIZ 8: Due (11/15) [Select Case Study for Presentation: Due 11/09]
11/16	Textbook: Ch. 9: Social Responsibility and Professional Dissent: "In Defense of Whistle Blowing," Gene James "Ten Whistleblowers and How They Fared," Myron Glazer "Whistleblowing and Professional Responsibilities," Sissela Bok Textbook: Ch. 10: Social Responsibility and Justice: "The Social Responsibility of Business," Milton Friedman	Module 7: Responsibility	[QUIZ 9: 11/24]

11/23	[Work on your Case Study Presentation] QUIZ 9	Module 7 (Contd.)	QUIZ 9: Due (11/24)
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[11/25–11/29: Holiday: Thanksgiving Break]

11/30	[Work on Case Study Presentation]	Due: 12/07
12/7		Case Study Presentation Due: 12/07

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