

PHIL 2625 - Introduction to Professional Ethics

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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	Ethics Across the Professions, 2nd Edition	Clancy Martin, Wayne Vaught, Robert Solomon.	9780190298708

The text is in the campus bookstore.

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

Day	Date	Reading(s)	Proposed Topic	Due/To Prepare for Class
Mon	8/24	Producer Consciousness Producer Consciousness, Handout Dr. Homer Warren and Linette Stratford	Producer Consciousness	
Wed	8/26	Producer Consciousness Producer Consciousness, Handout Dr. Homer Warren and Linette Stratford	Producer Consciousness	
Mon	8/31	Introduction to Ethics	Introduction to Ethics	
Wed	9/2	Introduction to Ethics	Introduction to Ethics	
Mon	9/7	Professionals: Some Moral Issues Richard A. Wasserstrom The Professions Michael D. Bayles	Professionalism	Case 1.2: Nick Denton, "Less Heat, More Light"



Wed	9/9	On Ethical Relativism Walter Stace The Ring of Gyges Plato	Relativism	
Mon	9/14	Utilitarianism, John Stuart Mill Case 2.2: Bernard Williams, "George, Jim, and Utilitarianism"	Utilitarianism	2.2: Bernard Williams, "George, Jim, and Utilitarianism"
Wed	9/16	Fundamental Principles of the Metaphysics of Morals, Immanuel Kant	Deontology	
Mon	9/21	On the Natural Condition of Mankind as Concerning Their Felicity and Misery Thomas Hobbes The Construction of Good John Dewey Case 2.1: James Rachels, "The Prisoner's Dilemma"	Social Contract	Case 2.1: James Rachels, "The Prisoner's Dilemma"
Wed	9/23	On the Good Life Aristotle On Feminist Ethics Virginia Held	Virtue Ethics/Feminist Ethics	
Mon	9/28	Chapter 3 The Professional – Client Relationship Michael D. Bayles	Professional Client Relationship	
Wed	9/30	Opinion in Canterbury v. Spence Judge Spotswood W. Robinson, III Producer Consciousness Assignment Due	Canterbury v. Spence Opinion	Producer Consciousness Assignment Due
Mon	10/5	The Limits of Conscientious Objection – May Pharmacists Refuse to Fill Prescriptions for Emergency Contraception? Alan Meisel and Mark Kuczewski Case 3.3: Allison Stevens, "Target at the Center of Battle over Plan B"	Conscientious Objection	Case 3.3: Allison Stevens, "Target at the Center of Battle over Plan B"
Wed	10/7	Midterm Review		
Mon	10/12	Midterm Review		Producer Consciousness Assignment Returned
Wed	10/14	Midterm (Remote on Blackboard)		
Mon	10/19	Is It Ever Right to Lie? Robert C. Solomon Review Instructions for Position Paper	Lying	
Wed	10/21	Lying and Lies to the Sick and Dying Sissela Bok Case 4.1: Stephen Hess, "Lying (for Journalists)"	Lying	Case 4.1: Stephen Hess, "Lying (for Journalists)"
Mon	10/26	The Limits of Confidentiality Sissela Bok	Confidentiality	
Wed	10/28	Privacy Rights, Crime Prevention, CCTV, and the Life of Mrs. Aremac Jesper Ryberg Case 5.3: Dwight Garner, "You're a Voyeur, I'm a Voyeur"	Privacy	Case 5.3: Dwight Garner, "You're a Voyeur, I'm a Voyeur"
Mon	11/2	Whistleblowing and Employee Loyalty Ronald Duska	Whistleblowing	
Wed	11/4	Politics and Moral Character Bernard Williams Case 6.4: Mimi Swants and Sherron Watkins, "Winners and Losers"	Politics and Character	Case 6.4: Mimi Swants and Sherron Watkins, "Winners and Losers"
Mon	11/9	The Parable of the Sadhu Bowen H. McCoy	The Parable of the Sadhu	In Class Groups Discussion
Wed	11/11	No class - Veteran's Day		
Mon	11/16	Rich and Poor Peter Singer What Should a Billionaire Give – And What Should You? Peter Singer	Utility and Obligations to the Poor	
Wed	11/18	Case 7.4: Plato, "The Carpenter and the Cobbler"	Plato	Groups Discussions in Class



Mon	11/23	Social Responsibility and Economic Efficiency Kenneth J. Arrow Case 8.1: Scott J. Turner, "Drug Company Gifts: Marketing Technique Poses Ethical Questions for Some" Position Paper Due	Social Responsibility and Efficiency	Case 8.1: Scott J. Turner, "Drug Company Gifts: Marketing Technique Poses Ethical Questions for Some" Position Paper Due
Wed	11/25	No Classs		
Mon	11/30	Final Exam Review		
Wed	12/2	Final Exam Review Position Paper Returned Position Paper Returned		Position Paper Returned
Mon	12/7	Final Exam (Remote on Blackboard) Monday 5:30 to 7:30		Final Exam (Remote on Blackboard) Monday 5:30 to 7:30

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