

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	Ethical Issues in Professional Life	Joan C. Callahan	0195050266
Required	Additional Readings provided on Blackboard	Various	

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	Course materials not designated with "(Blackboard)" are from the required textbook	Students should obtain the text, familiarize themselves with the BlackBoard site, download and print the syllabus and the Moral Theory reading packet, and report any difficulties to the instructor. Begin working on the next module.	Familiarize yourself with Blackboard, the course material, and course navigation. Create a "Student Introductions" Discussions Post
8/31	Chapter 1: Basics and Background, Joan Callahan Moral Theory Reading Pack (BlackBoard)	Introduction to Moral Theory	Watch Course Lectures
9/7	Chapter 1: Basics and Background, Joan Callahan Moral Theory Reading Pack (BlackBoard)	Introduction to Moral Theory	Discussion Post 1 Quiz 1



9/14	"The Professions," Michael Bayles "Professions and Emerging Professions," Bernard Barber	Chapter 2: Professions/Professionalization	Watch Course Lectures Quiz 2 Discussion Post 2
9/21	"Professional Responsibility of the Criminal Defense Lawyer: The Three Hardest Questions Movie Clip: Anatomy of a Murder (Blackboard) "Is Business Bluffing Ethical," Albert Carr (Blackboard) "The Business of Ethics," Norman Gillespie (Blackboard)	Chapter 3: Occupational and Ordinary Morality	Watch Course Lectures
9/28	"Professional Responsibility of the Criminal Defense Lawyer: The Three Hardest Questions "Is Business Bluffing Ethical," Albert Carr (Blackboard) "The Business of Ethics," Norman Gillespie (Blackboard) Movie Clip: Anatomy of a Murder (Blackboard)	Chapter 3: Occupational and Ordinary Morality	Discussion Post 3 Quiz 3
10/5	"Models for Ethical Medicine in a Revolutionary Age," Robert Veatch "From Loyalty to Advocacy: A New Metaphor for Nursing," Gerald Winslow "Academic Paternalism," Joan Callahan	Chapter 4: Professionals and Clients	Case Study 1 (Blackboard) Discussion Post 4 Quiz 4 Watch Course Lectures
10/12	"Should Doctor's Tell the Truth?" Joseph Collins "Lying and Lies to the Sick and Dying," Sissela Bok	Chapter 5: Deception	Discussion Post 5 Quiz 5 Watch Course Lectures
10/19	"Can You Pass the Job Test," Newsweek "Privacy, Morality and the Law," W. A. Parent "Invasions of Privacy in Social Science Research," Terry Pinkard	Chapter 5: Deception	Watch Course Lectures
10/26	"Can You Pass the Job Test," Newsweek "Privacy, Morality and the Law," W. A. Parent "Invasions of Privacy in Social Science Research," Terry Pinkard	Chapter 5: Deception	Discussion Post 6 Quiz 6
11/2	"Corporate Moral Agency," Peter French (Blackboard) . "Corporate Moral Agency: The Case for Anthropological Bigotry," John Danley (Blackboard) Movie Clips: The Corporation (Blackboard)	Chapter 8: Individual and Collective Responsibility	Watch Course Lectures Case Study 2: Tearoom Trade p. 256 (11/2)
11/9	"Corporate Moral Agency," Peter French (Blackboard) . "Corporate Moral Agency: The Case for Anthropological Bigotry," John Danley (Blackboard) Movie Clips: The Corporation (Blackboard)	Chapter 8: Individual and Collective Responsibility	Discussion Post 7 Quiz 7
11/16	"The Social Responsibility of Business," Milton Friedman (Blackboard) "Changing the Social Contract: A Role for Business," Melvin Anshen (Blackboard)	Chapter 10: Social Responsibility and Justice	Watch Course Lectures



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11/30	"In Defense of Whistle Blowing," Gene James (Blackboard) "Ten Whistleblowers and How They Fared," Myron Glazer (Blackboard)	Chapter 9: Social Responsibility and Professional Dissent	Watch Course Lectures
12/7	"In Defense of Whistle Blowing," Gene James (Blackboard) "Ten Whistleblowers and How They Fared," Myron Glazer (Blackboard)	Chapter 9: Social Responsibility and Professional Dissent	Discussion Post 9 Quiz 9 Extra Credit

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