

# PHIL 2625 - Introduction to Professional Ethics

## Fall 2026 Syllabus, Section A01, CRN 43945,

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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 |
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| Required | No Textbook, all readings on Blackboard | Various |      |

List of Readings on Blackboard:

"Basics and Background," Joan Callahan.

"Professions/Professionalization," Michael Bayles.

"Professions and Emerging Professions," Bernard Barber Giuffra.

"Professional Responsibility of the Criminal Defense Lawyer," Monroe Freedman.

"Is Business Bluffing Ethical," Albert Carr.

"The Business of Ethics," Norman Gillespie.

"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.

"Should Doctor's Tell the Truth," Joseph Collins.

"Lying and Lies to the Sick and Dying," Sissela Bok.

"Can you pass the job test?" Newsweek.

"Privacy, Morality and the Law," WA Parent.

"Invasions of Privacy in Social Science Research," Terry Pinkard.

"Corporate Moral Agency," Peter French.

"Corporate Moral Agency: The Case for Anthropological Bigotry," John Danley.

"In Defense of Whistle Blowing," Gene James.

"Ten Whistleblowers and How They Fared," Myron Glazer.

"Whistleblowing and Professional Responsibilities," Sissela Bok.

"The Social Responsibility of Business," Milton Friedman.

"Changing the Social Contract: A Role for Business," Melvin Anshen.

"Nurses' Roles and Responsibilities in Providing Care and Support at the End of Life," American Nurses Association.

"The Nurse's Role When a Patient Requests Medical Aid in Dying," American Nurses Association.

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 |
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| 8/24    | Basics and Background, Joan Callahan                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | Introduction to Moral Theory                                             | Module 1                 |
| 8/31    | The Professions, Michael Bayles;<br>Professions and Emerging Professions,<br>Bernard Barber Giuffra                                                                                                                                                                                               | Professions/Professionalization                                          | Module 2                 |
| 9/7     | Professional Responsibility of the Criminal<br>Defense Lawyer: The three hardest<br>questions, Monroe Freedman; Is business<br>Bluffing Ethical, Albert Carr; The business of<br>ethics, Norman Gillespie                                                                                         | Occupational and Ordinary Morality                                       | Module 3                 |
| 9/14    | Models for ethical medicine in a<br>revolutionary age, Robert Veatch; From<br>Loyalty to Advocacy, Gerald Winslow;<br>Academic Paternalism, Joan Callahan;<br>Should doctors tell the truth, Joseph Collins;<br>Lying and Lies to the Sick and Dying, Sissela<br>Bok                              | Professionals and Clients; Deception                                     | Module 4                 |
| 9/21    | Can you pass the job test? Newsweek;<br>Privacy Morality and the law, WA Parent;<br>Invasions of privacy in social science<br>research, Terry Pinkard; Corporate moral<br>agency, Peter French; Corporate moral<br>agency: the case for anthropological bigotry,<br>John Danley                   | Privacy and Confidentiality; Individual and<br>Collective Responsibility | Module 5                 |
| 9/28    | In defense of whistle blowing, Gene<br>James; Ten whistleblowers and how they<br>fared, Myron Glazer; Whistleblowing and<br>professional responsibilities, Bok; The social<br>responsibility of business, Milton Friedman;<br>Changing the social contract: a role for<br>business, Melvin Anshen | Social Responsibility, Professional Dissent,<br>and Justice              | Module 6                 |
| 10/5    | Nurses' roles and responsibilities in<br>providing care and support at the end<br>of life; The nurse's role when a patient<br>requests medical aid in dying (both from the<br>American Nurses Association)                                                                                        | Nurses Role                                                              | Module 7                 |

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