

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: **INTRO TO ETHICS & VALUE THEORY**

Course Number and Section:

GLE

2002F 550

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Course Description:

This class will introduce you to some of the major ethical theories and principles and apply them to a variety of topics. Among them: climate change, poverty, and the killing of non-human animals. It will also critically discuss various ancient and contemporary value theories in relation to happiness and death. [CROSS-LISTED WITH PHIL 2700]

Learning Outcomes:

1. be acquainted with some of the leading ethical theories, their applications, and various evaluative controversies regarding well-being and death (theoretical understanding),
2. have carefully reflected on their own value scale, including what they regard as having final worth, with the purpose of making more choiceworthy decisions (self- knowledge & practical wisdom),
3. have presented and defended their own sustained argument on a topic in ethics and/or value theory (personal development),
4. have cultivated intellectual virtues pertaining to argumentation, dialogue, interpretation, research and clear writing (to help with outcomes 1-3) (skills).

Textbooks and Course Materials:

No textbook. Any reading materials will be made available.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Applied Ethics Exercise (in groups)	TBA	20
Paper	TBA	30
Exam	TBA	30

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Active & Informed Participation	Weekly	20

In solidarity with the Anishinaabe, Haudenosaunee, Lūnaapéewak, and Chonnonton peoples on whose traditional treaty and unceded territories this course is shared.

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