

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Right and Wrong

Course Number and Section:

PHILOSOP

1250F 550

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Course Description:

An introduction to moral philosophy. Issues to be discussed: the relation between morality and religion; the difference between social and moral rules; moral reasoning; scepticism about morality; the idea of a good life; the existence – or nonexistence – of natural law: the idea of virtues, or excellences of character. Some particular discussion of the ancient Greek philosopher Aristotle, in the late 18th century German philosopher Immanuel Kant

Learning Outcomes:

Familiarity with some of the major figures in the history of Western moral philosophy;
Some ability to assess the significance rsuasiveness of arguments concerning morality offered by moral philosophers
An understanding of the difficulties involved in applying general ethical theories to specific types of fact situations
Some grasp of the complexities of linking ethical thinking with political decision-making

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Russ Shafer-Landau, A Concise Introduction to Ethics, New York, Oxford; Oxford University Press, 2020

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
2 hour open book in-class essay test	10/8/24	33%
2 hour open book in-class essay tes	11/5/24	33%
2 hour open book final exam	12/xx/24	34

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