

Brief Course Outline

Course Title: Right and Wrong

Course Number and Section: PHILOSOP 1250G 550

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Course Description:

This course is an introduction to moral and political philosophy through competing conceptions of justice. In addition to introducing students to classical and contemporary theories of morality and justice, this course takes up legal and political issues that raise philosophical questions.

Learning Outcomes:

Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- 1. Describe the major theories of morality and justice.
- 2. Apply these theories to concrete situations.
- 3. Discuss competing points of view on issues of morality and justice.
- 4. Evaluate conflicting philosophical arguments related to these issues.
- 5. Formulate well-reasoned solutions to practical dilemmas.
- 6. Persuade others of a well-reasoned stance or action.
- 7. Demonstrate skillful critical and reflective thinking.

Students may vary in their competency levels on these outcomes. They can expect to achieve these outcomes if they honour course policies, attend classes regularly, complete all assigned work in good faith and on time, and meet all other course expectations of them as students.

Textbooks and Course Materials:

Required texts:

Justice: A Reader, edited by Michael J. Sandel, Oxford University Press (2007). This textbook is only available in print, and costs \$55.60 at Western's Bookstore. It is a first edition; second-hand copies are sufficient.

Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Attendance		10%
Midterm Exam	(February 8, 9:00 – 11:00 am)	25%
Midterm Exam	(March 8, 9:00 – 11:00 am)	30%
Final Exam	(TBA)	35%
**Academic consideration for this exam requires supporting documentation.		

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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