

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** Introduction to Ethics & Value Theory

**Course Number and Section:**

PHILOSOP

2700G 550

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Disclaimer: Information in the brief course outline is subject to change. The syllabus posted on OWL is the official and authoritative source of information for the course.

### Course Description:

In this course we will examine these issues by considering some of the premier theories of value and of right action in the Western philosophical tradition. We will also consider more carefully the relationship between ethics and value theory, as well as exploring applications of our analyses to some of the difficult moral questions facing humanity today.

### Learning Outcomes:

Students should finish the course with an understanding of some of the most influential and prominent positions on the questions and topics outlined above. This exposure will better equip us to confront and critically evaluate our own attitudes or intuitions toward morality in general and on some difficult practical moral questions in particular. Alongside these reflective efforts, you will have the opportunity to improve your writing, critical analysis, and argumentative abilities.

Important Note: In this course we will sometimes discuss ideas and scenarios that are difficult, sensitive, disturbing, or otherwise controversial. Although the course will consist primarily of lectures, class discussion will be of key importance in working through this material. In my experience courses are successful when everyone is engaged and comfortable making contributions—thus you must be an active participant in your education. I commit to doing my best to facilitate a safe and positive atmosphere in the classroom, but it is up to you to engage our classroom community in good-faith, with an attitude of tolerance, patience, and consideration for classmates.

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

Course readings will be posted on OWL. (Cost: \$0)

### Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Active Learning		10%
Writing Assignments		60%

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Final Exam		30%

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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