

## Brief Course Outline

**Course Title:** Nationalism and Political Morality – Philosophy

**Course Number and Section:**

PHILOSOP

2813F 550

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### Course Description:

In the first part of the course, students will examine two theories about the conditions under which nations and nationalism can be said to exist. In the second part of the course, students will read an influential statement of a set of ideas according to which we cannot and should not think that our moral obligations must be cosmopolitan, but instead we must recognize that the people of a nation have special obligations to their fellow citizens.

### Learning Outcomes:

Students will learn to assess the comparative merits of competing explanatory theories in history and political science.

Students will confront the difficulties in determining the conditions of application for fairly abstract general theoretical terms such as 'people' (as in 'a people'), 'nation', 'state', and 'nation-state'.

### Textbooks and Course Materials:

Ernest Gellner, Nations and Nationalism, second edition (Ithaca: Cornell University Press, 2006)

David Miller, National Responsibility and Global Justice (Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2007)

### Methods Of Evaluation:

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
It-class, open-book essay test	Wednesday, October 10	33
In-class, open-book essay test	Wednesday, November 6	33
Open-book final exam	To be scheduled by the University	34

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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