

# **Brief Course Outline**

Course Title: Normative Ethics

Course Number and Section: PHILOSOP 3720G 550

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### **Course Description:**

Normative ethical theories are intended as guides to moral life. They articulate and justify principles that ground moral deliberation and action in reason. Such theories attempt to guide us as we determine who we ought to be, how we ought to live, or how to engage with each other if we are to live together well. This course begins with discussion of the normative ethical project itself—what is it, and how might it differ from meta-ethics? We continue with a study of particular theoretical frameworks from the mid-20th Century onward in normative ethical theory, including Consequentialism, Deontology, and Virtue Ethics.

## **Learning Outcomes:**

Argument Construction and Evaluation
Critical Thinking
Subject Area Familiarity
Oral and Written Communication Skills
Practical Moral Decision Making Skills
Collaborative Problem Solving

### **Textbooks and Course Materials:**

PdF's available in the Resources section of OWL, one link to an on-line resource given in the reading list below, and:

Vukelich, James Kaagegaaba. 2023. The Seven Generations and The Seven Grandfather Teachings.

#### **Methods Of Evaluation:**

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Exam	TBA	30
Essay	Mar. 29	25

Assignment	Due Date mm/dd/yy	Weight - %
Participation	Ongoing	15
Current Issues Assigment Part 1	Feb. 14	15
Current Issues Assignment Part 2	Mar. 1	15

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