



PHIL 202 Ethics (3)

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Course Description

The course seeks to provide students with a general survey of the history of moral philosophy and to introduce them to the contemporary and ongoing debates surrounding ethical theorizing and the practice of applied ethics.

Objectives

1. Students should learn to appreciate the contributions of prominent historical figures in the development of the Western tradition of moral philosophy such as Plato, Aristotle, Augustine, Aquinas, Hobbes, Hume, Kant, Mill, among others.
2. Students should learn to articulate the general distinctions between metaethics and normative ethical theorizing.
3. Students should learn to articulate some of the practical and conceptual implications of various schools of ethical thought such as utilitarianism, deontology, noncognitivism, emotivism, among others.
4. Students should learn to appreciate how moral philosophy engages with important areas of allied study such as political and legal philosophy.

Required Readings

Penelhum, Terence (1999). *Christian Ethics and Human Nature*.

Assigned readings available on Reserve in the Library or online.

Requirements

Precis # 1 : Due – September 25	10%
Precis # 2 : Due – October 16	10%
Precis # 3 : Due – November 13	10%
Research Paper : Due – December 5	20%
Final Exam (date TBA)	50%