



North Central State College
MASTER SYLLABUS
2019-2020

- A. Academic Division: Liberal Arts
- B. Discipline: Philosophy
- C. Course Number and Title: PHIL1110 Ethics
- D. Course Coordinator: Janny Nauman
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Instructor Information:

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- E. Credit Hours: 3
- F. Prerequisites: None
- G. Syllabus Effective Date: Fall, 2019
- H. Textbook(s) Title:

The Elements of Moral Philosophy Value Edition

- Author: Rachels/Rachels
- Copyright Year: 2015
- Edition: 8th
- ISBN # 9781308508139

- I. Workbook(s) and/or Lab Manual: None

J. Course Description: This course involves an examination of several ethical theories, including ethical relativism, utilitarianism, virtue ethics, social contract ethics, theological ethics, and rational ethics. Subjects covered may include the ethics of nuclear war, the ethics of suicide, ethical issues in abortion, the ethics of euthanasia, sexual ethics, ethical issues in genetic engineering, racism and sexism, capital punishment, the environment and so on. This course meets the requirements for OTM Arts and Humanities TMAH and also TAG# OAH046.

- K. College-Wide Learning Objectives:

College-Wide Learning Outcomes	Assessment - - How it is met & When it is met
Communication – Written	
Communication – Speech	
Intercultural Knowledge and Competence	
Critical Thinking	Critical Thinking VALUE Rubric
Information Literacy	

Quantitative Literacy	
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L. Course Outcomes and Assessment Methods:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student shall:

Outcomes	Assessment - - How it is met & When it is met
1. Define and explain ethical relativism	Papers, participation, group work--All Semester
2. Identify problems with ethical relativism	Papers, participation, group work--All Semester
3. Define and explain utilitarianism	Papers, participation, group work--All Semester
4. Identify problems with utilitarianism	Papers, participation, group work--All Semester
5. Define and explain virtue ethics	Papers, participation, group work--All Semester
6. Identify problems with virtue ethics	Papers, participation, group work--All Semester
7. Define and explain social contract ethics	Papers, participation, group work--All Semester
8. Identify problems with social contract ethics	Papers, participation, group work--All Semester
9. Define and explain absolutist ethics	Papers, participation, group work--All Semester
10. Identify problems with absolutist ethics	Papers, participation, group work--All Semester
11. Apply each theory to a series of test cases	Papers, participation, group work--All Semester
12. Analyze the results of applying each theory to those test cases	Papers, participation, group work--All Semester

M. Topical Timeline (Subject to Change):

- Definition, explanation, and sources of ethics
- Definition, explanation, and sources of morality
- Definition, explanation, sources, and application of ethical relativism
- Problems with and shortcomings of ethical relativism.
- Definition, explanation, sources, and application of utilitarianism
- Problems with and shortcomings of utilitarianism
- Application of utilitarianism to test cases
- Definition, explanation, sources, and application of virtue ethics
- Problems with and shortcomings of virtue ethics
- Application of virtue ethics to test cases
- Definition, explanation, sources, and application of social contract ethics
- Problems with and shortcomings of social contract ethics
- Application of social contract ethics to test cases
- Definition, explanation, sources, and application of theological ethics
- Problems with and shortcomings of theological ethics
- Application of theological ethics to test cases.
- Definition, explanation, sources, and application of rational ethics
- Problems with and shortcomings of rational ethics
- Application of rational ethics to test cases
- Explanation of a unified ethical code

N. Course Assignments:

1. Written papers based on a test cases for each ethical theory
2. Class participation including graded group work

O. Recommended Course Grading Scale:

NUMERIC	GRADE	POINTS	DEFINITION
93-100	A	4.00	Superior
90-92	A-	3.67	Superior
87-89	B+	3.33	Above Average
83-86	B	3.00	Above Average
80-82	B-	2.67	Above Average
77-79	C+	2.33	Average
73-76	C	2.00	Average
70-72	C-	1.67	Below Average
67-69	D+	1.33	Below Average
63-66	D	1.00	Below Average
60-62	D-	0.67	Poor
00-59	F	0.00	Failure

P. Grading and Testing Guidelines:

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Q. Examination Policy:

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R. Class Attendance and Homework Make-Up Policy:

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S. Classroom Expectations:

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T. College Procedures/Policies:

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The information can also be found