



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 249 Lec 02 – “Morality, Virtue and Society”

Fall Term 2011

Course Outline

Lectures: (ICT 121 MWF 13:00-13:50)

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Course Description

This is an introductory survey course in ethical theory. We will look at issues such as the nature and status of morality, the meaning of life, moral character, and the rationality of morality as well as examine some of the central moral theories in the western tradition, utilitarianism, deontology and virtue ethics. We will also take up some questions in applied ethics including the morality of abortion, the treatment of animals and the moral status of the environment.

Required Texts

Gensler, Harry J. *Ethics: A Contemporary Introduction*, Second Edition. Routledge Press, 2011.

Gensler, Harry J, Earl W. Spurgin and James C. Swindal eds. *Ethics: Contemporary Readings*. Routledge Press, 2004.

Evaluation

There are 300 possible points.

1. 15 Ethicola assignments, 30 points (10%)

Ethicola is a set of computer exercises. Students must download the ethicola program from the ethicola site. The exercises are automatically graded and students are responsible for emailing their ethicola grades by the due date. All ethicola grades must be emailed to ethics249@gmail.com (and cc-ed to levey@ucalgary.ca) prior to midnight on the due dates. The assignments are due as indicated on schedule. Only ethicola scores of 85% or higher will count as completed ethicola assignments. An ethicola assignment can be done as many times as you please until you obtain a score high enough for credit; only email one score per assignment.

2. 10 Study Question assignments, 60 points (20%)

Each study question assignment will consist of three study questions which will be assigned in class. Students are to prepare answers and bring those to the tutorial for discussion. Students may, if they choose, rewrite the study questions after the tutorial discussion. The answers to the three questions are then due in the Blackboard digital dropbox by 8 am on

the Friday following the tutorial. Dates are indicated in the course schedule. Study question grades will be assigned as follows: You will receive 1 point per question for handing them in. Then one of the three questions will be selected for more detailed grading and the other three points will be awarded for that question with 1 point for a satisfactory answer, 2 points for a good answer and 3 points for an excellent answer.

3. 2 in-class tests, October 14 and November 9, 60 points each (20% each)

The tests will be partly based on the study questions and ethicola questions.

4. Registrar Scheduled Final Exam 90 points (30%)

The final will be partly based on the study question and ethicola questions.

Grading Method

295-300 = A+	250-264 = B+	205-219 = C+	160-174 = D+
280-294 = A	235-249 = B	190-204 = C	150 159= D
265-279 = A-	220-234 = B-	175-189 = C-	< 150 = F

Policy on Late Assignments

Late Assignments will not be accepted without appropriate medical documentation.

Class Schedule:

Below is the schedule of readings and assignments. All ethicola assignments are due before midnight on the due date and are to be emailed to ethics249@gmail.com. All Study Question assignments are due by 8 am on the due date and are to be submitted to the Blackboard digital drop box.

The Texts are: Gensler, *Ethics: A Contemporary Introduction* (referred to below as Gensler)

Gensler, Spurgin and Swindal, *Ethics: Contemporary Readings* (referred to below as GSS)

You are expected to have completed the readings prior to the class indicated. Students are responsible for the content of all readings whether explicitly discussed in class or not.

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
September 12	September 14	September 16
Introduction	Introduction Gensler pp 1-7	Cultural Relativism -Gensler 1.1, 1.2 -GSS: Benedict pp 43-50

		Due: Ethicola 00
September 19 Cultural Relativism -Gensler 1.3-1.7 -GSS: Gensler & Tokmemo pp 50-58	September 21 Subjectivism -Gensler 2.1-2.2 -GSS: Hume pp 58-62 Due: Ethicola 01	September 23 Subjectivism -Gensler 2.3-2.6 -GSS: Nagel pp 63-68 Due: SQ 1 (Due by 8 am)
September 26 Supernaturalism -Gensler 3.1-3.8 (GSS: Lewis pp 67-76 optional) Due: Ethicola 02	September 28 Intuitionism -Gensler 4.1-4.3 -GSS: Moore pp 85-89 Ross "what in ethics is self- evident" pp 94/95 Due: Ethicola 03	September 30 Intuitionism -Gensler 4.4-4.7 Due: SQ 2 (Due by 8 am)
October 3 Emotivism -Gensler 5.1-5.8 -GSS: Ayer pp 103-107 Due: Ethicola 04	October 5 Prescriptivism -Gensler 6.1-6.4 -GSS: Hare, pp 117-125 Due: Ethicola 05	October 7 Prescriptivism -Gensler 6.5-6.7 -GSS: Hare, pp 117-125 Due: SQ 3 (Due by 8 am)
October 10 THANKSGIVING NO CLASSES	October 12 Review/catch up No new readings Due: Ethicola 06 Ethicola 06z	October 14 In-class test Chapters 1-6 Due: SQ 4 (Due by 8 am)
October 17 Consistency -Gensler, 7.1-7.4	October 19 Consistency -Gensler, 7.5-7.8	October 21 Golden Rule -Gensler 8.1-8.2 -GSS: Hertzler, pp158-166 Due: Ethicola 07
October 24 The Golden Rule -Gensler, 8.4-8.7	October 26 Moral Rationality -Gensler, 9.1-3 -GSS: Kant, pp 154-157 Due: Ethicola 08	October 28 Moral Rationality -Gensler, 9.4-9.7 -GSS: Kant, pp 154-157 Due: SQ 5 (Due by 8 am)
October 31 Consequentialism -Gensler, 10.1-10.4 -GSS: Mill, pp 197-206 Due: Ethicola 09	November 2 Consequentialism -GSS: Smart, pp 202-209 Williams, pp 210-214	November 4 Consequentialism -Gensler, 10.5-10.8

Ethicola 09r		SQ 6 (Due by 8 am)
November 7 Animal Liberation -GSS: Singer, 284-292 Due: Ethicola 10	November 9 In-Class test Chapter 7-10	November 11 REMEMBRANCE DAY NO CLASSES
November 14 Non-Consequentialism -Gensler, 11.1-12.3 -GSS: Ross, pp 90-99	November 16 Non-Consequentialism -Gensler, 11.4-11.5 -GSS: Kant, pp 154-157 Rawls, pp 229-234 Nozick, pp 235-239	November 18 Non-Consequentialism -Gensler, 11.6-11.8 Due: SQ 7 (Due by 8 am)
November 21 Virtue -Gensler, 12.1-12.2 -GSS: Aristotle, pp 240-248 Due: Ethicola 11	November 23 Virtue -Gensler, 12.3-12.7 -GSS: MacIntyre, pp 249-256	November 25 Virtue -GSS: Slote, pp 257-263 Due: SQ 8 (Due by 8 am)
November 28 Synthesis /Applied Ethics -Gensler, 14.1-14.5 Due: Ethicola 12	November 30 Synthesis /Applied Ethics -Gensler, 14.6-14.9 -GSS: Thomson, pp 267-274	December 2 Applied Ethics -GSS: Thomson, pp 267-274 Callahan, pp 275-283 Due: SQ 9 (Due by 8 am)
December 5 Famine Relief -GSS: 293-301 Due: Ethicola 14	December 7 Land Ethic -GSS: Callicott, pp 302-308	December 9 Review Due: SQ 10 (Due by 8 am)

INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as **an extremely serious academic offence**, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- *the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test;*
- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and

clearly noted. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

FREEDOM OF INFORMATION AND PROTECTION OF PRIVACY (FOIP) ACT

The University of Calgary is under the jurisdiction of the provincial FOIP Act in all aspects of its operations as a publicly funded institution. The Department of Philosophy ensures the student's right to privacy by requiring all graded assignments be returned to the student directly from the instructor unless other arrangements have been made in writing and filed with the Department Administrator.

FACULTY OF ARTS PROGRAM ADVISING & STUDENT INFORMATION RESOURCES

- Have a question, but not sure where to start? The new Faculty of Arts Program Information Centre (PIC) is your information resource for everything in Arts. Drop in at SS110, phone 403-220-3580 or email at artsads@ucalgary.ca. You can also visit the Faculty of Arts website at <http://arts.ucalgary.ca/undergraduate> which has detailed information on common academic concerns.
- For program planning and advice, contact the Student Success Centre at 403-220-5881 or visit them in their new space on the 3rd Floor of the Taylor Family Digital Library.
- For registration (add/drop/swap), paying fees and assistance with your Student Centre, contact Enrolment Services at 403-210-ROCK [7625] or visit them at the MacKimmie Library Block.
- Email Contact Addresses for Students Union Representatives for the Faculty of Arts:
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