



**FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY**

PHIL 249 Lec 03 – “Morality, Virtue and Society”

Winter Term 2013

Lectures: ST 141 MWF 13:00-13:50

Course Outline

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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 (with a score of 90% or higher): 15 points (5%)

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. Only ethicola scores of 90% 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.

All ethicola grades must be emailed to phil249w13@gmail.com prior to 5 pm on the due dates. You must send a separate email for each ethicola assignment that you complete. The assignments are due as indicated on the detailed course schedule.

Note: some days will have multiple ethicola assignments due.

- 2) In class assignments: 33 points (11%)
Students must bring 5 x7 index cards to class. In class assignments will be written on these cards. Such assignments might be multiple choice, true false, one word answers or a sentence or two. Students must write the number of their tutorial section on the index card as they will be returned only in tutorial. Due at the end of the class.
Note: some classes might have multiple in-class assignments.
- 3) 8 Tutorial assignments: 72 points (24%)
Tutorial Assignments are short written assignments (not to exceed one double spaced typed page). Students should write a draft of their answer prior to the tutorial the week before the assignment is due and should be prepared to discuss the assignment in the tutorial. Assignments are due as noted on the course schedule.
- 4) In-class midterm, written in two parts: 90 points (30%)
Part I will consist of multiple choice, true false and short answer questions.
Part II will consist of an essay question.
- 5) Registrar Scheduled Final Exam 90 points (30%)
The final exam will have the same structure as the midterm exam. While primarily on the second half of the course, the final exam will presume knowledge of the material prior to the midterm.

No assignment is such that a passing grade on it is required to pass the course. Writing and the grading thereof is a factor in the evaluation of your work for this course. For further explanation, see the University Calendar at <http://www.ucalgary.ca/pubs/calendar/current/e-2.html>

Grading Method

294-300 = A+	258-269.9 = B+	219-230.9 = C+	165-179.9 = D+
285-293.9 = A	243-257.9 = B	198-218.9 = C	150- 164.9= D
270-284.9 = A-	231-242.9 = B-	180-197.9 = C-	< 150 = F

Policy on Late Assignments

Late Assignments will not be accepted without appropriate medical documentation.

Note: The drop box in the Philosophy Department is cleared at 4 pm. Any assignments handed in after the box has been cleared count as being handed in the next day.

Class Schedule:

Below is the schedule of readings and assignments. All ethicola assignments are due by 5 pm on the due date and are to be emailed to phil249w13@gmail.com .

All Tutorial Assignments are due in class or in the drop box in the philosophy department on the due date. The drop box will be cleared at 4 pm. Any assignments coming in after 4 pm will be considered late. No electronic submissions will be accepted.

There are two texts:

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.

Schedule:

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
	January 9 Introduction	January 11 Introduction Gensler pp 1-7 Due: Ethicola 00
January 14 Cultural Relativism -Gensler 1.1 1.2 -GSS: Benedict pp 43-50	January 16 Cultural Relativism -Gensler 1.3-1.7 -GSS: Gensler & Tokmemo 50-58 Due: Ethicola 01	January 18 Subjectivism -Gensler 2.1-2.2 -GSS: Hume pp 58-62
January 21 Subjectivism -Gensler 2.3-2.6 -GSS: Nagel pp 63-68 Due: Ethicola 02 Due: Tutorial Assignment #1	January 23 Supernaturalism -Gensler 3.1-3.8 GSS: Lewis 69-76 Due: Ethicola 03	January 25 Intuitionism -Gensler 4.1-4.3 -GSS: Moore pp 85-89 Ross "what in ethics is self-evident" 94/95
January 28 Intuitionism -Gensler 4.4-4.7 Due: Ethicola 04 Due: Tutorial Assignment #2	January 30 Emotivism -Gensler 5.1-5.8 -GSS: Ayer pp 103-107	February 1 Emotivism -GSS: Mackie Due: Ethicola 05
February 4 Prescriptivism Gensler 6.1-6.2 Due: Tutorial Assignment #3	February 6 Prescriptivism -Gensler 6.3-6.7 -GSS: Hare 117-125 Due: Ethicola 06	February 8 GR consistency -Gensler 7.1-7.8 Due: Ethicola 07
February 11 Midterm Review Due: Ethicola 6z	February 13 Midterm Part I	February 15 Midterm Part II
February 18 Reading Week No Class	February 20 Reading Week No Class	February 22 Reading Week No Class

February 25 The Golden Rule -Gensler 8.1-8.3	February 27 The Golden Rule -Gensler 8.4-8.7 Moral Rationality -Gensler 9.1-9.7 Due: Ethicola 08 Ethicola 09	March 1 Consequentialism -Gensler10.1-10.4 -GSS: Mill 197-206
March 4 Consequentialism -GSS: Smart 202-209 Williams 210-214 Due: Tutorial Assignment #4	March 6 Consequentialism -Gensler 10.5-10.8	March 8 Consequentialism -Gensler 10.5-10.8 -GSS: Brandt 215-220 Due: Ethicola 10
March 11 Animal Liberation -GSS Singer 284-282 Due: Tutorial Assignment #5	March 13 Non-Consequentialism -Gensler11.1-12.3 -GSS: Ross 90-99	March 15 Non-Consequentialism -Gensler11.1-12.3 -GSS: Ross 90-99
March 18 Non-Consequentialism -GSS: Kant 154-157 Due: Tutorial Assignment #6	March 20 Non-Consequentialism -GSS: Kant 154-157 -Gensler11.4-11.5; 11.8 Due: Ethicola 11	March 22 Famine Relief -GSS: O`Neill 293-301
March 25 Virtue -Gensler 12.1-12.2 -GSS: Aristotle 240-248 Due: Tutorial Assignment # 7	March 27 Virtue -Gensler 12.1-12.2 -GSS: Aristotle 240-248	March 29 Good Friday No Class
April 1 Virtue -Gensler12.3-12.4; 12.6-12.7 Due: Ethicola 12	April 3 Virtue -GSS: MacIntyre 249-256	April 5 Synthesis /Applied Ethics -Gensler 14.1-14.5
April 8 Synthesis /Applied Ethics -Gensler14.6-14.9 -GSS: Thomson 267-274 Due: Ethicola 14 Due: Tutorial Assignment #8	April 10 Synthesis /Applied Ethics -GSS: Thomson 267-274	April 12 Catch up Day
April 15 Review		

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.

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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.

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