College of Arts – Online Course Outline Template

Course Code:	**Section:**	**Semester:**
PHIL*2120	02	F13

Course Title:
Ethics

Instructor:
Brian Wetstein

Brief course Synopsis:
Philosophical ethics is the attempt to systematize, explain, and justify the standards by which we evaluate our conduct as persons. The course may include treatment of controversial ethical issues such as abortion, euthanasia, war, and the treatment of animals and will cover many of the following questions: can we expect to find a single, universal code of ethics that applies to all human beings, or do such codes vary for each society or even each individual? What are the roles of reason and emotion in ethics? Is morality grounded on a principle, and if so, what is it? Are there any traits of character that one must have to be a good person? Given that traditional ethical codes have been almost universally sexist, how must ethics be refashioned in order for women to achieve equal recognition? **Textbook(s):** TBA **Course Requirements/Evaluation:** TBA