

Ethics

PHIL*2120-1 Winter 2011

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COURSE OUTLINE

To paraphrase Aristotle, a person's character is shaped by their habits; wallow in filth and cruelty and you will become filthy and cruel. Conversely, a person who immerses themselves in noble pursuits will over time, become noble. In PHIL2120-1 **ETHICS**, we will heed the advice of Aristotle and immerse our selves in the study of Ethics, morality, and the pursuit of the answer to the question of what is good and why. We will be drawing from the entire history of Ethics, ancient and modern, but will not restrict ourselves to theory alone as we will also try to apply the various perspectives on ethics to some classic and contemporary conundrums. This course will be stimulating and fun, and, if you take you education seriously, ennobling.

REQUIRED TEXT:

Louis P. Pojman & Lewis Vaughn, The Moral Life, Fourth Edition

SCHEDULE OF READINGS:

A schedule of required readings from the text will be posted after the Second week of classes, and updated via Course Link when required.

COURSE EVALUATION:

Assignment 1 1000 words, due mid-February	25%
Assignment 2 1500 words, due mid-March	35%
Final Examination Sat 2:30PM - 04:30 PM (2011/04/16)	40%

SEVEN STANDARD STATEMENTS – WINTER '11

E-mail Communication

As per university regulations, all students are required to check their <uoguelph.ca> email account regularly: email is the official route of communication between the university and its students.

When You Cannot Meet a Course Requirement...

When you find yourself unable to meet an in-course requirement because of illness or compassionate reasons, please advise the course instructor (or designated person, such as a teaching assistant) in writing, with your name, id#, and e-mail contact. See the undergraduate calendar for information on regulations and procedures for Academic Consideration:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-ac.shtml>

Drop Date

The last date to drop one-semester **Winter '11** courses, without academic penalty, is **Friday March 11th**. For regulations and procedures for Dropping Courses, see the Undergraduate Calendar:

<http://www.uoguelph.ca/registrar/calendars/undergraduate/current/c08/c08-drop.shtml>

Copies of out-of-class assignments

Keep paper and/or other reliable back-up copies of all out-of-class assignments: you may be asked to resubmit work at any time.

Academic Misconduct

The University of Guelph is committed to upholding the highest standards of academic integrity and enjoins all members of the University community – faculty, staff, and students – to be aware of what constitutes academic misconduct and to do as much as possible to prevent academic offences from occurring. The Academic Misconduct Policy is detailed in the Undergraduate Calendar:

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Recording of Materials

Presentations which are made in relation to course work—including lectures—cannot be recorded in any electronic media without the permission of the presenter, whether the instructor, a classmate or guest lecturer.

Resources

The Undergraduate Calendar is the source of information about the University of Guelph's procedures, policies and regulations which apply to undergraduate programs. It can be found at:

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