

**PHIL\*2120-01**  
**ETHICS [0.50]**

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Brief Course Synopsis:

A study of five of the most influential texts in ethics, covering the areas of Virtue Ethics (Aristotle's *Nicomachean Ethics*), Utilitarianism (J.S. Mill's *Utilitarianism*), Deontology (Kant's *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals*), Existentialism (Simone de Beauvoir's *The Ethics of Ambiguity*), and Stoicism (Marcus Aurelius' *Meditations*).

**TEXTBOOK(S):**

- Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* (ISBN 9780140449495).
- Mill, *Utilitarianism* (ISBN 0486454223).
- Kant, *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals* (ISBN 0-87220-166-X).
- Beauvoir, *Ethics of Ambiguity* (ISBN 0-8065-0160-X).
- Marcus Aurelius, *Meditations* (ISBN 9780140449334).

**COURSE REQUIREMENTS:**

- a) **Either** two 1250 word essays (25% each) on works not covered in class  
or one 2500 word essay (50%).
- b) And a final exam on the class readings (50%).

PREREQUISITE(S): 2.00 credits or (1 of PHIL\*1000, PHIL\*1010, PHIL\*1050)