

PHIL*2120-DE Ethics

Preliminary Web Course Description

**Please note: This is a preliminary web course description only. The department reserves the right to change any aspect of this description without notice. The final, binding course outline will be distributed in the first class of the semester.*

Instructor: TBA

Brief Course Synopsis:

Philosophical ethics is the attempt to systematize, explain, and justify the standards by which we evaluate our conduct as persons. This distance education 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 for 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

Evaluation: TBA

Prerequisites: 2.00 credits or (1 of [PHIL*1000](#), [PHIL*1010](#), [PHIL*1050](#))