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

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**Brief Course Synopsis:**

Ethics, or Moral Philosophy, is the study of what is (morally) good, bad, right, and wrong, and why it is. It studies as well how we ought to live, individually, and as a society; and what we ought to do, in individual cases and situations, where moral aspects of what we are confronted with are involved. In approaching ethical issues philosophically, it is not assumed or taken for granted that there is a morally right outcome, or fact of the matter - whether there is any such thing as objective moral value or truth is itself one of the topics or questions which moral philosophy explores. We will discuss that question, and also explore several basic moral theories, plus a number of prominent contemporary moral issues.