Course Description

The course is structured along the line of applied ethics, which is a major subfield within ethics in philosophy. The course looks at some of the most contentious issues in public policy through the lens of ethics, such as religious and cultural accommodations, same-sex marriage, abortion right, euthanasia. The course aims to provide students with a normative framework to tackle these challenging issues, both as students in public policy and as engaged citizens.

Course Requirements

Seminar Participation – 15%
Seminar Presentation – 10%
Research Presentation – 10%
Research Paper – 30%
Final Exam (Take-home) – 35%

Required Text


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