



FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 249 Lec 02 – “Morality, Virtue and Society”

Fall Term 2012

Course Outline

Lectures: (MWF 13:00-13:50 in A 142)

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Course Description

This is an introductory survey course in ethical theory. We will look at issues such as the nature and status of morality, the meaning of life, moral character, and the rationality of morality as well as examine some of the central moral theories in the western tradition, utilitarianism, deontology and virtue ethics. We will also take up some questions in applied ethics including the morality of abortion, the treatment of animals and the moral status of the environment.

Required Texts

Gensler, Harry J. *Ethics: A Contemporary Introduction*, Second Edition. Routledge Press, 2011.

Gensler, Harry J, Earl W. Spurgin and James C. Swindal eds. *Ethics: Contemporary Readings*.
Routledge Press, 2004.

Evaluation

There are 300 possible points.

1. 15 Ethicola assignments, 30 points (10%)

Ethicola is a set of computer exercises. Students must download the ethicola program from the ethicola site. The exercises are automatically graded and students are responsible for emailing their ethicola grades by the due date. All ethicola grades must be emailed to phil249f12@gmail.com prior to noon on the due dates. The assignments are due as indicated on the detailed course schedule. Only ethicola scores of 90% or higher will count as completed ethicola assignments. An ethicola assignment can be done as many times as you please until you obtain a score high enough for credit; only email one score per assignment.

2. 10 Study Question assignments, 60 points (20%)

Each study question assignment will consist of three study questions. The study questions will be typically assigned in class. The complete study question assignment can then be found on blackboard under the heading “Study Questions” and are to be answered on Blackboard.

Students will have the opportunity to talk about the study questions in tutorial before they are due. Study questions are then due by noon on the due date. Dates are indicated in the course schedule. Study question grades will be assigned as follows: You will receive 1 point per question for handing them in. Then one of the three questions will be selected for more detailed grading and the other three points will be awarded for that question with 0 points for an unsatisfactory answer, 1 point for a satisfactory answer, 2 points for a good answer and 3 points for an excellent answer.

3. In-class midterm, written in two parts, October 24 and 26. 90 points (30%)
The tests will be partly based on the study questions and ethicola questions. There will also be an essay component.
4. Registrar Scheduled Final Exam 120 points (40%)
The final will be partly based on the study question and ethicola questions. There will also be an essay component.

Grading Method

295-300 = A+	250-264 = B+	205-219 = C+	160-174 = D+
280-294 = A	235-249 = B	190-204 = C	150-159 = D
265-279 = A-	220-234 = B-	175-189 = C-	< 150 = F

Policy on Late Assignments

Late Assignments will not be accepted without appropriate medical documentation.

Blackboard will not accept assignments after the noon on the due date. Please make sure to allow adequate time to submit.

Class Schedule:

Below is the schedule of readings and assignments. All ethicola assignments are due by noon on the due date and are to be emailed to phil249f12@gmail.com.

All Study Question assignments are due by noon on the due date and are to be entered on blackboard as indicated.

There are two texts:

Gensler, *Ethics: A Contemporary Introduction* (referred to below as Gensler)

Gensler, Spurgin and Swindal, *Ethics: Contemporary Readings* (referred to below as GSS)

You are expected to have completed the readings prior to the class indicated. Students are responsible for the content of all readings whether explicitly discussed in class or not.

Detailed Class Schedule

Monday	Wednesday	Friday
<p><i>September 10</i></p> <p>Introduction</p>	<p><i>September 12</i></p> <p>Introduction Gensler pp 1-7</p>	<p><i>September 14</i></p> <p>Cultural Relativism -Gensler 1.1 1.2 -GSS: Benedict pp 43-50</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 00</p>
<p><i>September 17</i></p> <p>Cultural Relativism -Gensler 1.3-1.7 -GSS: Gensler & Tokmemo 50-58</p>	<p><i>September 19</i></p> <p>Subjectivism -Gensler 2.1-2.2 -GSS: Hume pp 58-62</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 01</p>	<p><i>September 21</i></p> <p>Subjectivism -Gensler 2.3-2.6 -GSS: Nagel pp 63-68</p> <p>Due: SQ 1</p>
<p><i>September 24</i></p> <p>Supernaturalism -Gensler 3.1-3.8 GSS: Lewis 69-76</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 02</p>	<p><i>September 26</i></p> <p>Intuitionism -Gensler 4.1-4.3 -GSS: Moore pp 85-89 Ross “what in ethics is self-evident” 94/95</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 03</p>	<p><i>September 28</i></p> <p>Intuitionism -Gensler 4.4-4.7</p> <p>Due: SQ 2</p>
<p><i>October 1</i></p> <p>Emotivism -Gensler 5.1-5.3 -GSS: Ayer pp 103-107</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 04</p>	<p><i>October 3</i></p> <p>Emotivism Gensler 5.4-5.8</p> <p>Prescriptivism Gensler 6.1-6.2</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 05</p>	<p><i>October 5</i></p> <p>Prescriptivism -Gensler 6.3-6.7 -GSS: Hare 117-125</p> <p>Due: SQ 3</p>
<p><i>October 8</i></p> <p>THANKSGIVING NO CLASSES</p>	<p><i>October 10</i></p> <p>Consistency -Gensler 7.1-7.4</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 06</p>	<p><i>October 12</i></p> <p>Consistency -Gensler 7.5-7.8</p> <p>Due: SQ 4</p>
<p><i>October 15</i></p> <p>The Golden Rule -Gensler 8.1-8.3 -GSS: Hertzler 158-166</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 07</p>	<p><i>October 17</i></p> <p>The Golden Rule -Gensler 8.4-8.7</p>	<p><i>October 19</i></p> <p>Moral Rationality -Gensler 9.1-9.7 -GSS: Kant 154-157</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 08 Due: SQ 5</p>

<p><i>October 22</i></p> <p>Review</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 09 Ethicola 09z</p>	<p><i>October 24</i></p> <p>In-class test part 1</p>	<p><i>October 26</i></p> <p>In-class test part 2</p>
<p><i>October 29</i></p> <p>Consequentialism -Gensler10.1-10.4 -GSS: Mill 197-206</p>	<p><i>October 31</i></p> <p>Consequentialism -GSS: Smart 202-209 Williams 210-214</p>	<p><i>November 2</i></p> <p>Consequentialism -Gensler 10.5-10.8 -GSS: Brandt 215-220</p>
<p><i>November 5</i></p> <p>Consequentialism -Gensler 10.5-10.8</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 10</p>	<p><i>November 7</i></p> <p>Non-Consequentialism -Gensler11.1-12.3 -GSS: Ross 90-99</p>	<p><i>November 9</i></p> <p>Non-Consequentialism -Gensler11.4-11.5 -GSS: Kant 154-157</p> <p>Due: SQ 6</p>
<p>November 12</p> <p>READING DAYS NO CLASS</p>	<p>November 14</p> <p>Non-Consequentialism -Gensler 11.6-11.8 -GSS: Rawls 229-34</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 11</p>	<p>November 16</p> <p>Virtue -Gensler 12.1-12.2 -GSS: Aristotle 240-248</p> <p>Due: SQ 7</p>
<p>November 19</p> <p>Virtue -Gensler12.3-12.7</p>	<p>November 21</p> <p>Virtue -GSS: MacIntyre 249-256</p>	<p>November 23</p> <p>Synthesis /Applied Ethics -Gensler 14.1-14.5</p> <p>Due: SQ 8</p>
<p>November 26</p> <p>Synthesis /Applied Ethics -Gensler14.6-14.9 -GSS: Thomson 267-274</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 12</p>	<p>November 28</p> <p>Applied Ethics -GSS: Thomson 267-274 Callahan 275-283</p>	<p>November 30</p> <p>Animal Liberation -GSS Singer 284-282</p> <p>Due: SQ 9</p>
<p>December 3</p> <p>Famine Relief -GSS: O'Neill 293-301</p> <p>Due: Ethicola 14</p>	<p>December 5</p> <p>Land Ethic -GSS Callicott</p>	<p>December 7</p> <p>Review</p> <p>Due: SQ 10</p>

INTELLECTUAL HONESTY

Intellectual honesty is the cornerstone of the development and acquisition of knowledge and requires that the contribution of others be acknowledged. As a result, cheating or plagiarism on any assignment or examination is regarded as **an extremely serious academic offence**, the penalty for which may be an F on the assignment and possibly also an F in the course, academic probation, or requirement to withdraw. The University Calendar states that plagiarism exists when:

- *the work submitted or presented was done, in whole or in part, by an individual other than the one submitting or presenting the work (this includes having another impersonate the student or otherwise substituting the work of another for one's own in an examination or test);*
- *parts of the work are taken from another source without reference to the original author;*
- *the whole work (e.g., an essay) is copied from another source; and/or*
- *a student submits or presents work in one course which has also been submitted in another course (although it may be completely original with that student) without the knowledge of or prior agreement of the instructor involved.*

While it is recognized that scholarly work often involves reference to the ideas, data and conclusions of other scholars, intellectual honesty requires that such references be explicitly and clearly noted. Plagiarism occurs not only when direct quotations are taken from a source without specific acknowledgement, but also when original ideas or data from the source are not acknowledged. A bibliography is insufficient to establish which portions of the student's work are taken from external sources; footnotes or other recognized forms of citation must be used for this purpose.

ACADEMIC ACCOMMODATION

It is the student's responsibility to request academic accommodation. If you are a student with a documented disability who may require academic accommodation and have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre, contact their office at 220-8237. Students who have not registered with the Disability Resource Centre are not eligible for formal academic accommodation. You are also required to discuss your needs with your instructor no later than fourteen (14) days after the start of this course.

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