



UNIVERSITY OF
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FACULTY OF ARTS
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 347 Lec 1
Contemporary Moral Problems
Summer Term 2015

Course Outline

Lectures: Tues & Thurs 12:00-14:45 ST 130

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Course Description

This course will cover a variety of ethical issues that are relevant today. We will cover such issues as physician-assisted suicide, terrorism and torture, poverty and hunger, and the ethical treatment of animals. We will philosophically examine these issues and how ethical theories can be applied to them.

Required Texts

Disputed Moral Issues – Mark Timmons (OUP)

Course Requirements

Critical Response (10% *each*) x 4

Final Paper (60%)

The final paper is due on August 13. Four critical responses must be completed during the course, and one may be done for each week of class and handed in during that week. There are six full weeks of classes so there is some choice involved.

There will be no final exam.

Papers may be submitted in class or in the course drop box in the Philosophy Department. Late papers will have one letter-grade deducted per day late (an A paper will be an A- paper at one day late, a B+ paper at two days late, and so forth). Students must hand in all assignments and the final paper.

Letter Grade Conversion Table

A+	97 –100 %	C+	67-71.9 %
A	92-96.9 %	C	62-66.9 %
A-	87-91.9 %	C-	57-61.9 %
B+	82-86.9 %	D	50-56.9 %
B	77-81.9 %	F	0- 49.9 %
B-	72-76.9 %		

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