

COURSE SYLLABUS

Phil 105²⁰ Introduction to Ethics

REQUIRED TEXT

Ethics: Discovering Right and Wrong by Louis P. Pojman (Wadsworth Pub. Co., 1995)

INSTRUCTOR

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BIOGRAPHY

Bill McCurdy, a native of Idaho, has lived around the Pacific Basin most of his adult life including 15 years teaching in East Asia and more than 7 in Hawai'i. He has a B. A. from Idaho State University and an M. A. from the University of Hawaii, both in philosophy, and is currently a Ph. D. candidate in philosophy at UH. He is also a part-time philosophy instructor at Chaminade University. His main areas of interest are semeiotic, philosophical anthropology, classical Chinese philosophy, Aristotle, and C. S. Peirce. He is currently starting his own consulting company in applied semeiotic.

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SCHEDULE

Wednesday 17:30 - 21:40 p.m.

CALENDAR

April 7, 14, 21, 28, May 5, 12, 19, 26, June 2, 9

COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course covers the major kinds of ethical theories: ethical relativism, ethical emotivism, ethical egoism, ethical utilitarianism, ethical deontologism, and virtue ethics. Particular emphasis will be ON EXAMINING the ethical theories of John Stuart Mill, Immanuel Kant, and Aristotle. In addition we will discuss how these theories would deal with topical ethical issues such as euthanasia, abortion, drug policy, cloning, and war.

Week One: Intriduction to Ethics

Week Two: Chapter 1 & 2

Week Three: Chapter 3

Week Four: Chapter 4 & 5

Week Five: Review & Midterm

Week Six: Chapter 6

Week Seven: Chapter 7

Week Eight: Chapter 8

Week Nine:

Week Ten: Review & Final

GRADING

Midterm Exam 100 points

Final Exam 100 points

Short Writing Assignments 10 points each

Quizzes 10 points each

100 - 90 % A

89 - 80 % B

79 - 70 % C

69 - 60 % D

59 - 0 % F