

Philosophy 105⁶⁰
Ethics

Chaminade University
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Saturday 8:00am -12:10 pm
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Texts:

Rachels, The Elements of Moral Philosophy (R1) and The Right Thing to Do (R2), McGraw Hill, 2003

Course Description:

This course is designed to introduce students to the basic problems and arguments of moral philosophy, and select practical ethical problems confronting our society today.

Expectations:

Students are expected to attend every class. If for some reason you cannot attend class, please let me know in advance by phone or by email. Students will also be expected to complete all reading assignments before coming to class and to actively participate in class activities and inquiries.

Assessment:

Grades will be based on a number of short written assignments. These written assignments will be given at the end of each class and due the following week. In addition each student must serve as co-facilitator for a class inquiry on one of the practical ethical issues we will be covering. These issues include Cloning, the Moral Status of Animals, Abortion, Euthanasia, World Poverty and Hunger, War, Civil Disobedience, the Legalization of Drugs

Schedule of Topics and Readings

10/12	Introduction	
10/19	What is Morality? A Short Introduction to Moral Philosophy <i>Pense</i> Will Cloning Harm People	R1 pp1-16 R2 pp1-19 R2 pp114-127
10/26	The Challenge of Cultural Relativism <i>Kant</i> Why We have no Obligation to Animals <i>Singer</i> All Animals are Equal	R1 pp16-31 R2 pp190-192 R2 pp193-202
11/9	Morality and Religion <i>Warren</i> The Status of Abortion <i>Marquis</i> Why Abortion is Immoral	R1 pp 48-62 R2 pp 97-106 R2 pp 107-113

11/16	Egoism <i>Singer</i> The Singer Solution to World Poverty <i>Narveson</i> Feeding the Hungry	R1 pp 63-90 R2 pp154-161 R2 pp162-174
11/23	The Utilitarian Approach <i>Mill</i> Utilitarianism <i>Rachels</i> The Morality of Euthanasia <i>Doerflinger</i> Assisted Suicide	R1 pp91-116 R2 pp64-75 R2 pp175-179 R2 pp180-189
12/30	Kant and Absolute Rules <i>Kant</i> The Categorical Imperative <i>Lackey</i> The Ethics of War and Peace	R1 pp117-140 R2 pp76-81 R2 pp221-230
12/7	Social Contract Theory <i>Hobbes</i> The Social Contract Theory <i>King</i> Letter from the Birmingham Jail <i>Rawls</i> Justification of Civil Disobedience	R1 pp141-159 R2 pp 50-58 R2 pp 282-290 R2 pp 290-304
12/14	Virtue Theory <i>Aristotle</i> The Virtues <i>Friedman and Bennett</i> The Legalization of Drugs	R1 pp 173-190 R2 pp 37-44 R2 pp 248-254