

**COURSE OUTLINE**  
**PHIL 1550A Summer 2012**

**Introduction to Ethics and Social Issues**  
(CRN 21328)

**Lecture Location:** Paterson Hall 201  
**Lecture Times:** Mondays and Wednesdays, 6:05-8:55 p.m.  
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**Office Hours:** To be arranged

**Course Description:**

An introduction to understanding, assessing and formulating ethical arguments concerning controversial issues. Each session will focus on a class discussion of one major issue. This term, the issues studied will be abortion, affirmative action, animal rights, capital punishment, cloning, euthanasia, immigration, pornography, privacy and civil society, environmental issues, and world hunger.

[Precludes additional credit for FYSM 1209 and PHIL 1500]

**Learning Objectives:**

- As a course in Philosophy, one of the objectives is to give you the knowledge to understand the issues, problems and arguments discussed.
- A second objective is to give you the practical reasoning skills, to enable you to deal with all the issues and problems discussed,
- The third objective is to deal with the currency and relevance of ethical and social issues, as they impact on life and work.

**Text Book:**

*Contemporary Debates in Applied Ethics*. Blackwell Publishing, 2005. ISBN: 978-1-4051-548-3  
Edited by Andrew I. Cohen and Christopher Heath Wellman.

Class handouts, and documents posted on Web CT.

**Grading and Evaluation:**

There will five short essays, one to two page position papers on the issues being discussed, each worth 10%. Total: 50%. Details and due dates to be announced in class.

There is no class on May 21<sup>st</sup>, Victoria Day.

There will be a final examination, format to be determined, during the exam period following the term, worth 50%. Details and description will be given in class.

**Course Requirements:**

The topics will be taken up in class, in the order found in the text. Class lectures and discussions will do much more than cover the relevant section of the text book. You are responsible for all class material and all discussions.

**Class attendance is required.** Class attendance is the best predictor for getting through a course, and for doing well in a course.

**Course Schedule:**

<b>Session</b>	<b>Text Topic</b>	<b>Text Readings</b>
1. May 7 <sup>th</sup>	Introduction learning about ethical theories and arguments.	Class outline and text introduction, pp. 1-9.
2. May 9 <sup>th</sup>	Abortion	pp. 13-39.
3. May 14 <sup>th</sup>	Affirmative Action	pp. 43-74.
4. May 16 <sup>th</sup>	Animal Rights	pp. 77-103.
5. May 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Capital Punishment	pp. 107-138.
6. May 28 <sup>th</sup>	Cloning	pp. 141-158.
7. May 30 <sup>th</sup>	Euthanasia	pp. 161-190.
8. June 4 <sup>th</sup>	Immigration	pp. 193-220.
9. June 6 <sup>th</sup>	Pornography	pp. 223-250.
10. June 11 <sup>th</sup>	Privacy and Civil Society	pp. 253-275.
11. June 13 <sup>th</sup>	Values in Nature	pp. 279-309.
12. June 18 <sup>th</sup>	World Hunger	pp. 313-342.

## Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies

### Assignments:

Unless specifically told otherwise by their instructors, students:

- must not use a plastic or cardboard cover or paper clips
- must staple the paper (there is a stapler on the essay box)
- must include the following in the lower right corner of the cover sheet:
  - student name
  - student number
  - course number and section
  - instructor's name
- The Philosophy Department does not accept assignments by FAX. You may send them by courier, if necessary.
- No assignments will be accepted after the last day for handing in term work – see dates in next column.
- Assignments handed in through the essay box (just inside the glass doors, Paterson Hall, Floor 3A) must be dropped into the box by **4:15** on a regular business day in order to be date-stamped with that day's date. Assignments handed in after 4:15 or on a non-business day will be stamped as having been handed in on the next business day.
- Students are required to keep copies of their assignments. If your paper is lost at any point, you will be considered not to have submitted it if you cannot produce a copy immediately on request.

### Deferrals for Term Work:

If you miss a final examination and/or fail to submit a final assignment by the due date because of circumstances beyond your control, you may apply for a deferral of examination/assignment. For deferred examinations, you must apply within 5 working days after the scheduled date of your exam. To apply for deferral of a final assignment, you must apply within 5 working days of the last scheduled day of classes. Visit the Registrar's Office for more information.

### Plagiarism:

It is the responsibility of each student to understand the meaning of 'plagiarism' as defined in the Undergraduate or Graduate Calendars, and to avoid both committing plagiarism and aiding or abetting plagiarism by other students. (Undergraduate Calendar Academic Regulations, section 14.3, or <http://www4.carleton.ca/calendars//ugrad/current/regulations/acadre gsuniv14.html#14.3>)

### Academic Accommodation:

You may need special arrangements to meet your academic obligations during the term. For an accommodation request the processes are as follows:

**Pregnancy obligation:** write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/>

**Religious obligation:** write to me with any requests for academic accommodation during the first two weeks of class, or as soon as possible after the need for accommodation is known to exist. For more details visit the Equity Services website <http://www2.carleton.ca/equity/accommodation/>

**Students with disabilities requiring academic accommodations** in this course must register with the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) for a formal evaluation of disability-related needs. Documented disabilities could include but are not limited to mobility/physical impairments, specific Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/psychological disabilities, sensory disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), and chronic medical conditions. Registered PMC students are required to contact the PMC, 613-520-6608, every term to ensure that I receive your Letter of Accommodation, no later than two weeks before the first assignment is due or the first in-class test/midterm requiring accommodations. If you

only require accommodations for your formally scheduled exam(s) in this course, please submit your request for accommodations to PMC by the deadlines published on the PMC website: <http://www2.carleton.ca/pmc/new-and-current-students/dates-and-deadlines/>

### Important Dates:

May 7	Early and full summer classes begin.
May 14	Last day for registration and course changes for early summer courses.
May 18	Last day for registration and course changes for full summer courses.
May 21	Statutory holiday – university closed.
May 31	Last day to withdraw from early summer courses with full fee adjustment.
June 8	Last day to withdraw from full summer courses with a full fee adjustment. Last day to submit to the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities, formal Examination Accommodation Forms for June examinations.
June 11-21	Fall/winter and winter term deferred final examinations will be held.
June 12	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below the 4000-level before the final examination period.
June 19	Last day of early summer classes for non-Engineering students. Last day for academic withdrawal from early summer courses. Last day for handing in term assignments, subject to any earlier course deadline.
June 22-27	Early summer examinations will be held.
June 30	Final deadline for summer term fee payment.
July 2	Statutory holiday – university closed.
July 3	Late summer classes begin. Full summer classes resume.
July 10	Last day for registration and course changes for late summer courses.
July 20	Last day for withdrawal from late summer courses with full fee adjustment.
July 27	Last day to submit to the Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities, formal Examination Accommodation Forms for August examinations.
August 6	Statutory holiday – university closed.
August 8	Last day for tests or examinations in courses below the 4000-level before the final examination period.
August 15	Last day for late summer and full summer classes. Last day for handing in term assignments, subject to any earlier course deadline. Last day for academic withdrawal from late summer and full summer courses and any other courses that end this term.
August 18-23	Summer examinations will be held.
Sept. 28-29	Summer term deferred final examinations will be held.
Sept. 30	Last day for receipt of applications for review of final grades for summer term courses.

### Addresses:

Department of Philosophy:	3A46 Paterson Hall <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/philosophy">www.carleton.ca/philosophy</a> 520-2110
Registrar's Office:	300 Tory <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/registrar">www.carleton.ca/registrar</a> 520-3500
Student Academic Success Centre:	302 Tory <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/sasc">www.carleton.ca/sasc</a> 520-7850
Paul Menton Centre:	500 University Centre <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/pmc">www.carleton.ca/pmc</a> 520-6608
Writing Tutorial Service:	4 <sup>th</sup> Floor, Library <a href="http://www.carleton.ca/wts">www.carleton.ca/wts</a> 520-6632
MacOdrum Library	<a href="http://www.library.carleton.ca/">http://www.library.carleton.ca/</a> 520-2735