

Carleton University
Department of Philosophy

COURSE OUTLINE
PHIL 1550A Summer 2013

Introduction to Ethics and Social Issues
(CRN 21328)

Lecture Location: UC 378
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 20th, 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:

Session	Text Topic	Text Readings
1. May 6 th	Introduction learning about ethical theories and arguments.	Class outline and text introduction, pp. 1-9.
2. May 8 th	Abortion	pp. 13-39.
3. May 13 th	Affirmative Action	pp. 43-74.
4. May 15 th	Animal Rights	pp. 77-103.
5. May 22 rd	Capital Punishment	pp. 107-138.
6. May 27 th	Cloning	pp. 141-158.
7. May 29 th	Euthanasia	pp. 161-190.
8. June 3 rd	Immigration	pp. 193-220.
9. June 5 th	Pornography	pp. 223-250.
10. June 10 th	Privacy and Civil Society	pp. 253-275.
11. June 12 th	Values in Nature	pp. 279-309.
12. June 17 th	World Hunger	pp. 313-342.

Department of Philosophy and Carleton University Policies (Summer 2013)

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/acadregsuniv14.html#14.3>)

Academic Accommodation for Students with Disabilities:

The Paul Menton Centre for Students with Disabilities (PMC) provides services to students with Learning Disabilities (LD), psychiatric/mental health disabilities, Attention Deficit Hyperactivity Disorder (ADHD), Autism Spectrum Disorders (ASD), chronic medical conditions, and impairments in mobility, hearing, and vision. If you have a disability requiring academic accommodations in this course, please contact PMC at 613-520-6608 or pmc@carleton.ca for a formal evaluation. If you are already registered with the PMC, contact your PMC coordinator to send me your Letter of Accommodation at the beginning of the term, and no later than two weeks before the first in-class scheduled test or exam requiring accommodation (if applicable). After requesting accommodation from PMC, meet with me to ensure accommodation arrangements are made. Please consult the PMC website for the deadline to request accommodations for the formally-scheduled exam (if applicable).

You can visit the Equity Services website to view the policies and to obtain more detailed information on academic accommodation at <http://carleton.ca/equity/accommodation>.

Important Dates:

May 6	Classes start.
May 13	Last day for registration and course changes for early summer courses.
May 17	Last day for registration and course changes for full summer courses.
May 20	Statutory holiday, university closed.
May 31	Last day for a full fee adjustment when withdrawing from early summer courses.
June 7	Last day to withdraw from full summer courses with a full fee adjustment.
June 18	Last day for early summer classes. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for courses that end on this day.
June 18	Last day for academic withdrawal from early summer courses.
June 21-26	Final examinations.
July 1	Statutory holiday, university closed.
July 3	Late summer courses begin and full summer courses resume.
July 9	Last day for registration and course changes for late summer courses.
July 19	Last day for entire fee adjustment when withdrawing from late summer courses.
Aug. 5	Statutory holiday, university closed
Aug. 15	Classes follow a Monday schedule. Last day for late and full summer term classes. Last day for handing in term work and the last day that can be specified by a course instructor as a due date for term work for courses that end on this day.
Aug. 15	Last day for academic withdrawal from late summer and full summer courses.
Aug. 17-22	Final examinations.

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Paul Menton Centre:	500 University Centre www.carleton.ca/pmc 520-6608
Writing Tutorial Service:	4 th Floor, Library www.carleton.ca/wts 520-6632
MacOdrum Library	http://www.library.carleton.ca/ 520-2735