



C-ID Descriptor

Introduction to Ethics

Descriptor Details

- **Descriptor Title:** Introduction to Ethics
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General Description

This course examines the concept of morality and values, representative ethical theories, and may include their applications to moral problems.

Prerequisites

No information provided

Corequisites

No information provided

Advisories

Eligibility for College Composition (C-ID ENGL 100)

Content

- Ethical theories, including Kantianism, Utilitarianism and Virtue Ethics
- Critical analysis of the ethical theories
- Moral reasoning

- Application of theories to moral problems
- Moral problems may include, but are not limited to, those that arise in regard to abortion, euthanasia/assisted suicide, capital punishment, war, hunger and homelessness, global resource inequality, animal rights, the trolley problem, the free rider problem, the environment and future generations, racial and gender injustice, sexual and reproductive autonomy, exploitation, or personal and social responsibility.

Lab Activities

No information provided

Objectives

At the conclusion of this course, the student should be able to:

1. demonstrate knowledge of major ethical theories, including Kantianism and Utilitarianism;
2. apply knowledge of major ethical theories to moral problems;
3. compare and contrast competing ethical theories and subject them to critical analysis.

Evaluation Methods

Essays, tests, exams, class presentations.

Textbooks

Arthur and Scalet, *Morality and Moral Controversies*

Louis Pojman, *Discovering Right and Wrong*

Sommers and Sommers, *Vice and Virtue in Everyday Life*

Rachels, J. *Do the Right Thing* plus *The Elements of Moral Philosophy*

Cahn, Steven *Exploring Ethics: An Introductory Anthology*

Selections from primary sources (Open Educational Resources)