

**Course # PHIL 150 Introduction to Ethics****Credit Hours:** 3**Scheduled hours per week**

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

**Catalog Course Description:** An introduction to the major theories of ethics and values. In light of such personal and social problems as morality, freedom, right and wrong, social and political responsibility and the meaning of "good". The course asks how we ought to live in relationship to contemporary moral issues.

**Pre-requisites:** N/A**Co-requisites:** N/A**Course Learning Outcomes (CLO):**

- Identify and explain major philosophical and ethical traditions and ethical perspectives.
- Discuss moral issues and valued principles in a logical manner.
- Represent one's stance on an issue with meaningful, original insights based on historical considerations.
- Represent one's stance on an issue with meaningful, original insights based on ethical considerations.

**CLO Assessment Methods:**

Direct: Quizzes, Discussion, Thought Experiments, and Case Reflections

**Topics to be studied:**

- Cultural Relativism: Are good and bad relative to culture?
- Subjectivism: Do moral beliefs describe how we feel?
- Supernaturalism: Do moral judgments describe God's will?
- Intuitionism: Is morality objective?
- Emotivism: Are moral judgments emotional exclamations or truth claims?
- Prescriptivism: Does prescriptivism lead to useful form of Golden-Rule reasoning?
- GR Logic: What does it mean to be consistent about beliefs, end-means, and living in harmony with your moral beliefs?
- GR Applications: How do important issues relating to GR consistency work in practice?
- GR Frameworks: How does the GR connect in broader ways to philosophy, religion, and science? Consequentialism: How are we to live?
- Nonconsequentialism: Are some kinds of actions wrong? What are the three prima facie duties?
- Synthesis: In the progression from conception to adulthood, when does a strong right to life begin?

**Relationship of Course to Program Learning Outcomes (PLO) or Institutional Learning Outcomes:**Check if approved as:  Foundational Learning Course     Reinforcement Learning Course

**Special requirements of the course:**

N/A

**Additional information:**

N/A

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