

## Master Syllabus

### PHI 2206 - Introduction to Ethics

**Division:** Liberal Arts, Communication and Social Sciences

**Department:** Philosophy

**Credit Hour Total:** 3.0

**Lecture Hrs:** 3.0

**Date Revised:** October 2013

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### Course Description:

Historical inquiry into the major concepts and attitudes of moral and ethical theory in Western society, emphasizing the role of human responsibility and the conditions for making ethical judgments.

### General Education Outcomes:

- ▣ Oral Communication
- ▣ Written Communication
- ▣ Critical Thinking/Problem Solving
- ▣ Values/Citizenship/Community
- ▣ Computer Literacy
- ▣ Information Literacy

### Course Outcomes:

#### Construction of defensible rational arguments

Develop an ability to (re)present complex philosophical ideas, theories, and perspectives fairly, objectively, and critically in writing and oral discourse.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Meets 70% of rubric

**Assessment Method:** Portfolios

**Performance Criteria:** Meets 70% of rubric

#### History of ethical theory

Demonstrate exposure to and knowledge of the views and approaches to specific issues in ethics as presented in the writings of several figures/texts from the history of Philosophy. Read and understand historically influential primary source philosophical texts in ethical theory.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Meets 70% of rubric

**Assessment Method:** Portfolios

**Performance Criteria:** Meets 70% of rubric

#### Application of theories to issues

Demonstrate increased awareness and understanding of complex issues and complex ethical issues as presented in philosophic texts.

**Assessment Method:** Locally developed exams

**Performance Criteria:** Meets 70% of rubric

**Assessment Method:** Portfolios

**Performance Criteria:** Meets 70% of rubric

### Outline:

The Nature of Ethics as a Practical Science  
The Relation of Ethics to the Rest of Philosophy and to the Other Practical Sciences  
The Evolution of Ethical Thought  
The Relation Between the Nature of Man and Human Conduct  
Comparative View of Human Nature in Relation to the Moral Act  
Moral Standards and Comparative Criteria  
Individualism and Relativism in Morals  
Purpose in Human Life as Related to the Moral Act  
Freedom, Determinism and Responsibility  
Moral Standards as Applied to Varying States of Life  
Values, Rights and Obligations  
Human Purpose and Human Moral Standards