Sinclair Community College
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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

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