

PHI 220 – Ethics

Course Description

Focuses on the application of ethics to everyday life. Examines classical and contemporary writings concerning such matters as courage, pride, compassion, honor, and self-respect; and the negative sides of this behavior, such as hypocrisy, self-deception, jealousy, and narcissism.

Instructional Materials

Sommers, C. F., & Sommers, F. (2013). *Vice and virtue in everyday life* (9th ed.). Boston, MA: Wadsworth Publishing, Cengage Learning.

Course Learning Outcomes

1. Explain the views of the main philosophers and the primary ethical concepts associated with each of the major ethical theories presented in the course.
2. Recognize basic ethical theories, such as Divine Command Theory, Relativism, Utilitarianism, Kantianism, Social Contract Theory, Egoism, and Virtue Ethics.
3. Demonstrate an understanding of how to examine questions and issues from diverse ethical perspectives and how these different ethical perspectives can be applied to evaluate contemporary ethical dilemmas.
4. Demonstrate recognition of the role and function of moral arguments addressing traditional and contemporary moral issues.
5. Apply ethical reasoning to resolve selected important moral problems in everyday situations.
6. Present complex ethical ideas, theories, and perspectives fairly, objectively, and critically.
7. Use technology and information resources to research issues in ethics.
8. Write clearly and concisely about ethics using proper writing mechanics.