

INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS

WHAT DOES MORALITY REQUIRE?

HOW MORAL ARGUMENT WORKS

CASES: FAMINE AND RESCUE. Singer, "Famine, Affluence, and Morality."	Th, 30 Mar
HOW SHOULD WE FORMULATE THE PRINCIPLE? Singer, "Famine, Affluence, and Morality."	Tu, 4 April
WHAT ARE WE RESPONSIBLE FOR? Cohen, "Who is Starving Whom?" pp. 72-81.	Th, 6 April

CONSEQUENTIALIST MORAL THEORY: UTILITARIANISM

BENTHAM'S UTILITARIANISM. Bentham, <i>Principles of Morals and Legislation</i> .	Tu, 11 April
MILL'S UTILITARIANISM: VALUE AND PSYCHOLOGY. Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> , Ch. 1-2, esp. Ch. 2 ¶1-10.	Th, 13 April
MILL'S UTILITARIANISM: MOTIVATION AND MORALITY. Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> , Ch. 3-5.	Tu, 18 April
UTILITARIANISM AND COMMON SENSE MORALITY. Mill, <i>Utilitarianism</i> , Ch. 5.	Th, 20 April

DEONTOLOGICAL MORAL THEORY: THE RIGHT TO LIFE

WHAT DOES THE RIGHT TO LIFE INVOLVE? Thomson, "A Defense of Abortion."	Tu, 25 April
IS THOMSON'S ANALOGY A GOOD ONE? Thomson, "A Defense of Abortion."	Th, 27 April
CONDITIONS ON HAVING THE RIGHT TO LIFE. Mary Anne Warren, "On the Moral and Legal Status of Abortion" "Postscript".	Tu, 2 May

WHAT STATUS DO MORAL BELIEFS HAVE?

SUBJECTIVIST CHALLENGES TO MORALITY

WHY THINK MORALITY IS SUBJECTIVE? MORAL AND SCIENTIFIC OBSERVATION. Harman, <i>The Nature of Morality</i> , pp. 3-10.	Th, 4 May
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IS SUBJECTIVISM THREATENING? Shafer-Landau, *Whatever Happened to Good and Evil?* pp. 57-61; Plato, *Euthyphro*, 6e-11b; Williams, *Morality*, pp. 3-19. Tu, 9 May

MORAL RELATIVISM

MORAL RELATIVISM. American Anthropological Association, "Statement on Human Rights"; Williams, *Morality*, pp. 20-25. Th, 11 May

RELATIVISM AND TOLERANCE. Waldron, "How to Argue for a Universal Claim"; Williams, "Human Rights and Relativism". Tu, 16 May

DEFUSING SUBJECTIVISM

MORALITY AND SCIENCE. Williams, *Morality*, pp. 26-37. Th, 18 May

THE MID-AIR POSITION. Williams, *Morality*, pp. 33-37. Tu, 23 May

OBJECTIVIST ACCOUNT OF DISAGREEMENT. Shafer-Landau, *Whatever Happened to Good and Evil?* pp. 67-74. Th, 25 May

REVIEW. What will be on the exam and how to take it. Tu, 30 May

M A T E R I A L S

The Mill and Williams books may be purchased at the Seminary Co-op Bookstore; the other readings are in a xeroxed packet that may be purchased from the Humanities Copy office in Walker 003. All readings are on reserve in the Regenstein Library.

Comments on lectures and announcements will be posted on the web at this address:
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A S S I G N M E N T S

There will be three assignments: two five page papers, due on Monday, 24 April and Monday, 22 May, and a final exam on Tuesday, 6 June (10:30 - 12:30). Seniors usually have to make arrangements to take the exam early.

Please take note of the following policies. (1) All assignments must be completed in order to pass the course. (2) Late papers will be accepted without question but penalized at the rate of one-eighth of a grade a day, with exceptions in extremely unusual circumstances. (3) Plagiarism, presenting someone else's work as your own, will result in failure in this course and will be reported to the relevant academic authorities. If you are unsure about exactly what counts as plagiarism, please ask.

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