



North Central Michigan College

Master Course Syllabus

PART 1:

Course Name: Introduction to Ethics

Course Number: PHL 105

Credit Hrs. 3

Lecture Hrs. 3

Lab Hrs. 0

Clinical Hrs. 0

Variable Hrs. 0

Total Hours of Instruction: 3

Total Contact Hours: 52.8

(Total Contact hour's formula: (lecture hrs. + lab hrs. + clinical hrs) x 17.6)

Course Description:

An introduction to the study of morality, including theories of right and wrong behavior, value (goodness and badness), and virtue. This course is an interdisciplinary approach to ethics, with examples pulled from all walks of life including but not limited to medicine, business, science, law, communication and sports. Besides providing familiarity with the primary questions addressed within moral philosophy, this course is designed to help students develop their abilities to evaluate and express their own ethical positions and think critically and analytically about ethical issues.

Prerequisite (s): none

Co-requisite (s): none

Course Objectives:

- Describe the scope and principal features of moral reasoning.
- Illustrate contemporary moral terminology.
- Describe how moral knowledge is advanced, tested and revised.
- Describe and examine a range of perspectives on key moral debates and their significance both within the field and in society.
- Illustrate core concepts of the field using analytical, practical and/or creative tasks.
- Apply recognized logical methods to interpret typical moral problems.
- Assemble evidence relevant to typical moral problems; describe the significance of the evidence and use it in analyzing these problems.
- Identify, categorize and distinguish both theoretical and practical approaches to contemporary moral issues.
- Describe in writing at least one substantial case in which knowledge and skills acquired in this class are applied to a moral challenge in a non-academic setting.

Reasonable accommodations can be provided for students with documented disabilities. Please contact Learning Support Services to arrange for these (231)348-6687 or (231)348-6817, Room 533 SCRC.



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PART 2:

Course Objectives and Linked Lumina DQP Outcomes

See PART 3 of this syllabus for the complete language of each Lumina DQP outcome.

- Describe the scope and principal features of moral reasoning. (DQP 1)
- Illustrate contemporary moral terminology. (DQP 2)
- Describe how moral knowledge is advanced, tested and revised. (DQP 4)
- Describe and examine a range of perspectives on key moral debates and their significance both within the field and in society. (DQP 5)
- Illustrate core concepts of the field using analytical, practical and/or creative tasks. (DQP 6)
- Apply recognized logical methods to interpret typical moral problems. (DQP 7)
- Assemble evidence relevant to typical moral problems; describe the significance of the evidence and use it in analyzing these problems. (DQP 8)
- Identify, categorize and distinguish both theoretical and practical approaches to contemporary moral issues. (DQP 10)
- Describe in writing at least one substantial case in which knowledge and skills acquired in this class are applied to a moral challenge in a non-academic setting. (DQP 15)



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Suggested Methods of Instruction:

Lecture / Class Discussion.

Suggested Methods of Assessment and Evaluation:

Tests, chapter questions, essay assignments, research, participation.

Adopted Text at Time of Course Adoption/Revision:

Michael Sandel, *Justice*

OPTIONAL SUPPLEMENTARY MATERIALS:

Other readings from the internet (public domain)

Topics Covered During the Semester:

Sequence of topics and time allowance are at the discretion of the instructor

Week 1	Introduction to Ethics. Why be moral?
Week 2	Moral Theory: Formalism
Week 3	Practical Applications: Formalism
Week 4	Moral Theory: Utilitarianism
Week 5	Practical Applications: Utilitarianism
Week 6	Moral Theory: Virtue Ethics
Week 7	Practical Applications: Virtue Ethics
Week 8	Moral Theory: Contract Theory
Week 9	Practical Applications: Contract Theory
Week 10	Evolutionary Origins of Morality
Week 11	Reciprocity & the Golden Rule
Week 12	Practical Applications: Reciprocity
Week 13	Subjective/Objective Standards
Week 14	Egoistic vs. Altruistic Systems
Week 15	The Good
Week 16	How Should We Then Live?

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PART 3:

LUMINA DQP OUTCOMES – *Use this reference sheet for PART 2 of Master Course Syllabus.*

Specialized Knowledge

1. Describes the scope and principal features of the field of study, citing at least some of its core theories and practices, and offers a similar explication of at least one related field.
2. Illustrates contemporary terminology used in the field.
3. Generates substantially error-free products, reconstructions, data, juried exhibits or performances as appropriate to the field.

Broad Integrative Knowledge

4. Describes how existing knowledge or practice is advanced, tested and revised
5. Describes and examines a range of perspectives on key debates and their significance both within the field and in society.
6. Illustrates core concepts of the field while executing analytical, practical or creative tasks.
7. Selects and applies recognized methods of the field in interpreting characteristic discipline-based problems.
8. Assembles evidence relevant to characteristic problems in the field, describes the significance of the evidence, and uses the evidence in analysis of these problems.
9. Describes the ways in which at least two disciplines define, address and interpret the importance of a contemporary challenge or problem in science, the arts, society, human services, economic life or technology.

Intellectual Skills – Analytic Inquiry

10. Identifies, categorizes and distinguishes among elements of ideas, concepts, theories and/or practical approaches to standard problems.

Intellectual Skills – Use of Information Resources

11. Identifies, categorizes, evaluates and cites multiple information resources necessary to engage in projects, papers or performance in his or her program.

Intellectual Skills – Engaging Diverse Perspectives

12. Describes how knowledge from different cultural perspectives would affect his or her interpretations of prominent problems in politics, society, the arts and/or global relations.

Intellectual Skills – Communication Fluency

13. Presents accurate calculations and symbolic operations, and explains how such calculations and operations are used in either his or her specific field of study or in interpreting social and economic trends.
14. Presents substantially error-free prose in both argumentative and narrative forms to general and specialized audiences.

Applied Learning

15. Describes in writing at least one substantial case in which knowledge and skills acquired in academic settings are applied to a challenge in a non-academic setting; applies that learning to the question; and analyzes at least one significant concept or method related to his or her course of study in light of learning outside the classroom.
16. Locates, gathers and organizes evidence on an assigned research topic addressing a course-related question or a question of practice in a work or community setting; offers and examines competing hypotheses in answering the question.

Civic Learning

17. Describes his or her own civic and cultural background, including its origins and development, assumptions, and predispositions.
18. Describes diverse positions, historical and contemporary, on selected democratic values or practices, and presents his or her own position on a specific problem where one or more of these values or practices are involved.
19. Takes an active role in a community context (work, service, co-curricular activities, etc.), and examines the civic issues encountered and the insights gained from the community experience.



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