



National Taiwan University of Science and Technology

2020 Summer Program

PHIL 201 Introduction to Ethics

Course Outline

Term: June 22-July 17, 2020

Class Hours: 13:00-15:30 (Monday through Friday)

Course Code: PHIL 201

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Credit: 4

Class Hours: This course will have 72 class hours, including 40 lecture hours, 10 lecturer office hours, 10-hour TA discussion sessions, 2-hour review sessions, 10-hour extra classes.

Course Description: Intro to Ethics gives students an in-depth examination of three of the most important ethical thinkers in the history of Western philosophy: Aristotle, Immanuel Kant, and Friedrich Nietzsche.

Course Outcomes: By the end of the course, students should be able to describe major differences in the ethical theories of ancient Greece compared to those of modern western Europe. Students will have gained a strong grasp of the ethical ideals of each of the authors discussed. Students will demonstrate in their writing that they can clearly articulate and explain important features of virtue ethics and deontology.



Required Textbooks: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, translated by Martin Ostwald. Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals*, Cambridge Texts in the History of Philosophy revised edition. Walter Kaufmann, *The Portable Nietzsche*, translated by Walter Kaufmann.

Grading & Evaluation: 3 exams, each 1/3 of semester grade. Exams 1 and 2 are take-home, due Monday, July 6th and Monday, July 13th. Exam 3 is in discussion section Friday, July 17th.

Grade distribution:

Grade	Quality Points	Percentage
A	4.0	93.0% -100.00%
A-	3.67	90.0% - 92.9%
B+	3.33	87.0% - 89.9%
B	3.00	83.0% - 86.9%
B-	2.67	80.0% - 82.9%
C+	2.33	77.0% - 79.9%
C	2.00	73.0% - 76.9%
C-	1.67	70.0% - 72.9%
D+	1.33	67.0% - 69.9%
D	1.00	60.0% - 66.9%
F	0	59.9 or below

Course Policies:

Attendance: Students are expected to attend every class and arrive to class on time. Remember that each class period is going to cover almost as much material as a 16-week class would cover in a week. Arriving late will result in a 2% penalty to semester grade per class. An unexcused absence will result in a 5% penalty to semester grade, and only 1 absence for the semester can be excused, regardless of reason.

Recordings: Students are allowed and even encouraged to record lectures if they wish.

Academic dishonesty: any student found to have cheated on an exam will get an F for that exam. Cheating on more than 1 exam will automatically result in a failing grade for the course.



Course Schedule:

Week1

June 22 - Discuss Aristotle, Book 1 chapters 1-5

June 23 - Aristotle Book I chapters 7-13

June 24 - Aristotle Book II

June 25 - Aristotle Book III chapters 1-5

Week2

June 29 - Aristotle Book III chapters 6-12 and Book IV (selections)

June 30 - Aristotle Book V

July 1 - Aristotle Book VI (selections) and Book VII (selections)

July 2 - Aristotle Book VIII (selections), Book IX (selections), and Book X chapters 6-9

Week3

July 6 - Kant 393-405

July 7 - Kant 406-415

July 8 - Kant 416-424

July 9 - Kant 425-433

Week4

July 13 - Nietzsche: "Prologue", "The Three Metamorphoses"

July 14 - Nietzsche: "On the Afterworldly", "On Reading and Writing", "On the Preachers of Death", "On the New Idol", "On the Flies in the Marketplace", "On Chastity", "On the Friend", "On Little Old and Young Women"

July 15 - Nietzsche: "On the Gift-Giving Virtue", "The Child with the Mirror", "On the Pitying", "On the Virtuous", "On the Rabble", "On the Tarantulas", "On Self-Overcoming", "On Human Prudence", "The stillest hour"

July 16 - Nietzsche, "The Soothsayer", "On Redemption", "On the Vision and the Riddle",
Selections from Part 4 of *Zarathustra*.