

PHIL 130 : Ethics and Contemporary Moral Issues

Credits 5

Quarter Offered Spring (odd year)

Introduction to moral theory and its application to contemporary moral issues. Potential topics include nihilism, relativism, utilitarianism, Kant, legal punishment, distributive justice, terrorism, abortion, animal rights, and euthanasia. This class may include students from multiple sections. (Humanities, Elective)

Prerequisites

Eligibility for or completion of [ENGL&101](#)

Course Outcomes

- Explain the nature, justification, and limitations of various ethical theories, such as Ethical Nihilism, Ethical Skepticism, Ethical Relativism, the Divine Command Theory, Utilitarianism, and Kantianism.
- Explain the nature, justification, and limitations of various diverse views on moral issues relating to particular moral problems, such as legal punishment, economic justice, discrimination, abortion, and animal rights.