

PROVIDENCE COLLEGE

Department of Arts and Science

213.22 – PHIL: Ethics

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Class hours: Mondays & Thursdays 11:10 a.m. - 12:25 p.m.
Classroom: 1
Credit hours: 3

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SYLLABUS

A. COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is a study of the major theories of ethics and a discussion of various contemporary moral issues. Major ethical theories include moral relativism, virtue ethics, contractarianism, utilitarianism, Kantian ethics, evolutionary ethics, natural law theory, divine command theory, the golden rule, intuitionism. Contemporary moral issues include abortion, genetic technology and cloning, stem cell research, suicide, euthanasia/physician-assisted suicide, capital punishment, war, homosexuality, same-sex marriage, pornography, discrimination and affirmative action. (Note: For greater detail concerning the ethics of business, students are advised to take 213.32 – PHIL: Ethics in the Marketplace.)

B. COURSE OBJECTIVES

After the successful completion of this course, the student will have gained an introductory understanding concerning the history, methods, and issues of ethics; the student will have further developed his/her skill in the art of philosophical analysis and critique, especially with regard to ethical theory and some contemporary moral issues; and the student will have increased his/her appreciation of how Christianity is relevant to ethics—and vice versa.

Special note to students:

It is your responsibility to retain course syllabi for possible future use to support applications for transfer of credit to other educational institutions.

C. COURSE TEXTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY RESOURCES

1. Required textbooks – Part A

Note: Both of the following two books are required at the beginning of the course.

Moreland, J. P. & Norman L. Geisler. *The Life and Death Debate: Moral Issues of Our Time*. Westport, Connecticut: Greenwood/Praeger Publishers, 1990.

Wilkens, Steve. *Beyond Bumper Sticker Ethics: An Introduction to Theories of Right & Wrong*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 1995.

2. Required textbooks – Part B

Note: Students choose one of the following three books for a book review (due at end of course).

Chamberlain, Paul. *Final Wishes: A Cautionary Tale on Death, Dignity & Physician-Assisted Suicide*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2000.

Charles, J. Daryl. *Between Pacifism and Jihad: Just War and the Christian Tradition*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2005.

Dallas, Joe. *The Gay Gospel? How Pro-Gay Advocates Misread the Bible*. Eugene, Oregon: Harvest House, 2007.

3. Recommended (but not required) book

Grenz, Stanley J. & Jay T. Smith. *Pocket Dictionary of Ethics*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2003.

4. Supplementary readings

Some notes and articles will be distributed in class or electronically or made available in the library.

D. COURSE REQUIREMENTS

1. Listening to lectures and participation in class discussions. (See Course Policies below regarding attendance, punctuality, and appropriate in-class behaviour.)
2. Reading of assigned portions of the textbook plus supplementary readings.
3. Completion of each of the following:

(a) Video reflection paper. Students will view the movie *Amazing Grace* (DVD available in library) and then write a short essay very briefly summarizing the story and explaining its moral significance for Christians today. Length: 2 pages maximum (12-point font, double-spaced, one-inch margins, proper grammar, etc.). Due: October 7 (in class, at beginning of class). *No late papers will be accepted* (except in cases of serious illness, extreme emergency, or death; see late assignment policy below).

(b) Midterm exam. Date: October 18. The midterm exam will involve true/false, short answer, and short essay questions. These questions will help students develop as well as demonstrate their understanding of the course material covered up to this time.

(c) Essay-review. Students will read and review either Chamberlain's book *Final Wishes* or Charles' *Between Pacifism and Jihad* or Dallas's *The Gay Gospel*. Students will choose which book will be reviewed. The review will provide students with two opportunities: (1) to explore a contemporary moral issue—i.e., physician-assisted suicide (Chamberlain) or war (Charles) or homosexuality (Dallas)—and (2) to sharpen skills in argument analysis and argument evaluation. Length: 6 pages maximum (12-point font, double-spaced, one-inch margins, proper grammar, etc.). Additional instructions will be announced in class. Due date: December 9 (in class, at beginning of class). *No late papers will be accepted* (except in cases of serious illness, extreme emergency, or death; see late assignment policy below).

(d) Final exam. Date and time: December 16, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. Location: To be announced. This exam will cover, primarily, but not exclusively, topics discussed and readings assigned since the midterm exam. The final exam will involve true/false, short answer, and short essay questions. These questions will help students to develop as well as demonstrate their understanding of the course material.

(e) Bonus assignment (optional for additional 5%). Students have the option to do an additional video reflection paper if they wish. Students may choose to view (in addition to *Amazing Grace*) either *Bella* or *The Island* or *The Hiding Place* and then write a short essay very briefly summarizing the story and explaining its moral significance for Christians today. Length: 2 pages maximum (12-point font, double-spaced, one-inch margins, proper grammar, etc.). Due: December 9 (in class, at beginning of class). *No late papers will be accepted* (except in cases of serious illness, extreme emergency, or death; see late assignment policy below).

E. GRADING SUMMARY

1. Grade Components

Midterm exam	30%	Final exam	30%
Essay-review	30%	Bonus video reflection (optional)	<u>5%</u>
Video reflection	10%	Total	105%

2. Grading Scale

Exceptional	A+	4.0	93-100	Marginal	D+	1.0	57-59
Excellent	A		85-92	Poor	D		53-56
	A-		80-84		D-		50-52
Superior Good	B+	3.5	77-79	Failure	F	0.0	<50
	B	3.0	73-76				
	B-		70-72				
Satisfactory/Average Adequate	C+	2.5	67-69				
	C	2.0	63-66				
	C-		60-62				

F. COURSE POLICIES

Full text to the academic policies, procedures and regulations of Providence College can be found online in the Student Handbook (http://www.providencecollege.ca/college/student_life/) and the College Academic Calendar (http://www.providencecollege.ca/college/programs/registrars_office/calendar/)

1. Class Attendance Policy

Attendance is expected as well as highly recommended. Your instructor's lectures will add clarity to the contents of the course textbook and supplementary readings, and your instructor's lectures will sometimes address topics not covered by the course textbook and supplementary readings. Also, much will be learned from class discussions.

Three unexcused absences are allowed: i.e., three 1.25-hour class meetings may be missed without penalty or documentation of excuse (absences due to college sports outings will count as allowed unexcused absences). Thereafter a 3 percent deduction from the final course grade is levied per missed class (unless the absence is excused for a good reason such as serious illness, extreme emergency, or death, verified by a reasonable authority such as a medical doctor; in these cases the student must fill out an Absence Form as well as submit appropriate documentation). (The Absence Form can be found at the end of the online version of this syllabus.)

Arriving to class late is a seriously frowned upon behaviour. If a student is late for class, he/she is advised to enter the class quietly from the rear of the room and be seated quietly at the rear of the room. At the end of the class the late student should advise the professor of the late student's attendance to avoid being recorded as absent (the late student should do this *after* the professor has finished talking with all other students about matters relating to course content).

Inappropriate behaviour while attending class (e.g., talking without instructor's approval) is unacceptable. Such behaviour may result in a 5 or more percent deduction from the final grade, depending upon the severity of the inappropriate behaviour (as judged by the instructor). By maintaining his/her registration in the class, the student agrees to abide by the following ground rules for discussion:

- Rule 1 – Show your hand when you wish to speak.
- Rule 2 – Speak only when asked to speak.
- Rule 3 – When you begin to speak state your name clearly.
- Rule 4 – One person speaks at a time.
- Rule 5 – Be quiet when another person is speaking.
- Rule 6 – Feel free to voice disagreement, but do so with gentleness and respect.
- Rule 7 – Try to make each other feel comfortable enough to make mistakes: i.e., don't scoff or laugh in a put-down sort of way. (Note: Good thinking requires practice, and practice usually involves the making of mistakes—and the making of mistakes in a class discussion often leads to greater understanding for everyone.)
- Rule 8 – Stop the talking/discussion when your instructor says stop. (Your instructor has material that has to get covered during the course. If you are not satisfied with the outcome of a discussion or lecture, then feel free to make an appointment with your professor to continue the discussion.)

2. Information and Communication Technologies in Class

Student use of information and communication technologies (ICTs) such as laptop computers for purposes other than class note-taking is not allowed in the classroom. Use of laptop computers to browse Internet, check email, play games, chat with others, or engage material not related to the class is not appropriate in the classroom, nor is the use of cell-phones or iPods and the like. Such use of ICTs is distracting to students and disrespectful to the educational enterprise. Students are expected to give their total attention to class activities.

3. Late Assignment Policy

Late assignments will not be accepted (except in cases of serious illness, extreme emergency, or death, verified by a reasonable authority such as a medical doctor; in these cases the student must fill out a Late Assignment Submission Form as well as submit appropriate documentation). (The Late Assignment Form can be found at the end of the online version of this syllabus.)

4. Final Exam Policy

All requests to have a final exam rescheduled must be approved by the Academic Committee in accordance with the Examination General Regulations (available in the College Academic Calendar http://www.providencecollege.ca/college/programs/registrars_office/calendar/). Students are encouraged to read the exam schedule early in the semester to determine whether there is a conflict and, if there is a conflict, advise the Registrar's Office immediately.

5. Missed Exams

Students who miss exams other than a final exam are responsible to contact the professor within one week of the exam date if they still wish to write the exam. Permission to do so will be given to only those students who present evidence or reasonable grounds acceptable to the professor for having missed the exam: e.g., serious illness, extreme emergency, or death, verified by a reasonable authority such as a medical doctor (in these cases the student must fill out a Late Assignment Submission Form [see below in the online version of the syllabus, but this form will be adjusted for a *missed exam*] as well as submit appropriate documentation). Note: Travel plans are not an acceptable reason to miss exams. Exam accommodations are not provided to facilitate travel and all applications citing travel as the extenuating circumstance will be denied. The format of the exam will be at the discretion of the professor, with essay questions likely. Students who do not write an exam by at most two weeks after the exam date will receive a grade of zero for that component of the course. (Exceptions to final exams must be processed by application to the Registrar's Office, not the professor.)

6. Plagiarism

Students are expected to demonstrate academic integrity in all its various forms, and students will be held accountable for doing so by the policy on Academic Conduct in the Student Handbook: http://www.providencecollege.ca/college/student_life/. One particularly problematic breach of academic integrity is plagiarism, which is stealing from the ideas and writings of another person and passing them off as one's own. For an elaboration of the nature, types, and prevention of plagiarism, see the documents "How to Cite Sources and Avoid Plagiarism" and "Students' Guide to Preventing and Avoiding Plagiarism" which are both available on the Providence College website: http://www.providencecollege.ca/college/library/information/use_a_style_guide_or_create_a_bibliography/.

G. COURSE OUTLINE

1. Daily Class Format

In general, each class will be structured as follows:

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| (a) Welcome, overview, attendance | (c) Prayer |
| (b) Misc. announcements/ clarifications/
corrections | (d) Lecture and discussion |

2. Course Schedule/ Outline

Note 1: The outline below is somewhat tentative (we may at times lag behind or leap ahead of the schedule). Dates concerning assignments, midterm, and final exam are quite firm.

Note 2: Readings from the main textbooks are listed below and, unless otherwise notified, students will be expected to read *all* of the assigned readings.

Note 3: Required supplementary readings are not listed below but will be assigned at various junctures of the course; students will be expected to read *all* assigned supplementary readings. Supplementary readings (hereafter SR) will be made available in the library or distributed in class or electronically.

September 9

- Introduction to the course, personal introductions
- Introduction to philosophy and ethics (SR, and *Beyond Bumper Sticker Ethics*, hereafter BBSE, chapter 1; *Life & Death Debate*, hereafter LDD, pages vii-xiii)

September 13, 16

- A brief look at truth, contradiction, argument, and opinion (SR)
- Freedom and determinism (brief lecture comments only; reading of BBSE chapter 4 is optional)
- Moral relativism (BBSE chapter 2, LDD pages 1-6, SR)

September 20, 23

- Virtue ethics: Virtue ethics in general, Plato, Aristotle (BBSE chapter 7, SR)
 - Ethical egoism: Cyrenaics, Epicurus, contractarian ethics (BBSE chapter 3, SR)
 - Utilitarianism (BBSE chapter 5, LDD pages 9-15, SR)
 - Kantian ethics (BBSE chapter 6, LDD pages 15-19, SR)
 - Survivalist/evolutionary ethics (SR)
- [Note: If BBSE readings are difficult, focus on lecture notes.]

September 27, 30

- Natural law theory (BBSE chapter 9, SR)
 - Divine command theory (BBSE chapter 10, LDD pages 6-8, SR)
 - Golden rule (SR)
 - Intuitionism (LDD pages 8-9, SR)
- [Note: If BBSE readings are difficult, focus on lecture notes.]

October 4, 7

- Abortion (LDD chapter 2, SR)
- Video essay due – October 7*

October 11, 14

Thanksgiving – October 11 – no class

- Abortion, continued (LDD chapter 2, SR)

October 18, 21

Midterm exam – October 18

College lecture series – October 21 – all-college event

October 25, 28

- Genetic technologies and cloning (SR)
- Embryonic stem cell research (SR)
- In vitro fertilization (SR)

November 1, 4

- Suicide (LDD chapter 5)
- Euthanasia/ Physician-assisted suicide (LDD chapter 4)

November 8, 11

- Euthanasia/ Physician-assisted suicide, continued
- Remembrance Day – November 11 – no class*

November 15, 18

- Capital punishment (LDD chapter 6)
- War (LDD chapter 7)

Note: Last day for voluntary withdrawal – Friday, November 12

November 22, 25

- Homosexuality and same-sex marriage (SR)

November 29, December 2

- Homosexuality and same-sex marriage (SR)

December 6, 9

- Pornography (SR)
- Drugs (SR)
- Discrimination and affirmative action (SR)
- Closing comments

Essay-review due – December 9

December 16

Final exam – Thursday, December 16, 8:30 a.m. - 10:30 a.m. (location to be announced)

H. BIBLIOGRAPHY

The course bibliography can be seen on the electronic version of this syllabus.

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Note 1: Several of the books listed below can be placed under more than one heading.

Note 2: The books under the heading “Applied Ethics/ Contemporary Moral Issues” contain much discussion of the issues sub-categorized under subsequent headings (e.g., “Abortion,” etc.).

Note 3: Not all of the works listed below are sympathetic to Christian ethics. Of course, as with any work on ethics (whether Christian or not), read with care.

Note 4: The bibliography is a work in progress.

1. Dictionaries/ Encyclopaedia related (directly/indirectly) to Ethics

Books

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Audi, Robert, editor. *The Cambridge Dictionary of Philosophy*, 2nd edition. Cambridge: Cambridge University Press, 1999.

Baggini, Julian & Peter S. Fosl. *The Ethics Toolkit: A Compendium of Ethical Concepts and Methods*. Oxford: Blackwell Publishing, 2007.

Blackburn, Simon. *The Oxford Dictionary of Philosophy*, 2nd edition. Oxford: Oxford University Press, 2005.

Campbell-Jack, W. C. & Gavin McGrath, editors. *New Dictionary of Christian Apologetics*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2006.

Craig, Edward, editor. *Routledge Encyclopedia of Philosophy*. 10 volumes. London & New York: Routledge, 1998.

Elwell, Walter A., editor. *Evangelical Dictionary of Theology*, 2nd edition. Grand Rapids, Michigan: Baker Book House, 2001.

Grenz, Stanley J. & Jay T. Smith. *Pocket Dictionary of Ethics*. Downers Grove, Illinois: InterVarsity Press, 2003.

Harrison, R. K., editor. *Encyclopedia of Biblical & Christian Ethics*, updated edition. Nashville, Tennessee: Thomas Nelson Publishers, 1992.

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Internet

EpistemeLinks: <http://www.epistemelinks.com>

Internet Encyclopedia of Philosophy: <http://www.utm.edu/research/iep>

Stanford Encyclopedia of Philosophy: <http://plato.stanford.edu/>

2. Ethical Theory/ Meta-Ethics

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