

CUMBERLAND COUNTY COLLEGE

Course: PH 102 Introduction to Ethics

Credits: 3

Prerequisites

None

Description

Offers a general introduction to the study of ethics by exploring various moral theories and the ways in which those theories are justified. In addition, the student will examine some of the ethical problems confronting contemporary society.

Learning Outcomes

At the completion of this course, students should be able to:

- Recognize the nature of meta-physics (morality in general)
- Define normative ethics
- Identify the ethical problems confronting contemporary society
- Demonstrate the ability to analyze ethical arguments to determine soundness and validity

Related General Education Outcomes

Ethical Reasoning and Action

- Students will analyze and evaluate the strengths and weaknesses of different perspectives on an ethical issue or a situation.
- Students will take a position on an ethical issue or a situation and defend it.

Humanistic Perspective (A&H)

- Students will describe commonly used approaches and criteria for analyzing works.
- Students will analyze works and applying commonly used approaches and criteria.

Topical Outline

- Introduction to Ethics
- Ethics: An Overview
- Moral Reasoning
- Ethic Subjectivism
- Cultural Relativism
- Morality and Religion
- Conscience and Moral Development
- Ethical Egoism
- Utilitarianism
- Deontology
- Rights Ethics
- Virtue Ethics and the Good Life

Required Texts and Other Materials

Ethics for Life, A Text with Readings by Judith A. Boss., 6th edition: McGraw-Hill

Student Assessment

Will be based on a combination of quizzes, exams, homework, oral presentations, written papers and class participation.

Academic Integrity

Plagiarism is cheating. Plagiarism is presenting in written work, in public speaking, and in oral reports the ideas or exact words of someone else without proper documentation.

Whether the act of plagiarism is deliberate or accidental [ignorance of the proper rules for handling material is no excuse], plagiarism is, indeed, a “criminal” offense.

As such, a plagiarized paper or report automatically receives a grade of **ZERO** and the student may receive a grade of **F** for the semester at the discretion of the instructor.

Available Resources

If you are having difficulty with work in this class, tutoring is available through the Success Center. If you think that you might have a learning disability, contact Project Assist at 856.691.8600, x1282 for information on assistance that can be provided to eligible students.

(List availability of open labs and/or writing center)

Before Withdrawing From This Course

If a student experiences adverse circumstances while enrolled in this course and considers withdrawing, s/he should see an advisor (division or advisement center) BEFORE withdrawing from the class. A withdrawal may cause harmful repercussions to completion rate standards and overall GPA which can limit or eliminate future financial aid in addition to causing academic suspension.