

PHI 119 - Introduction to Ethics - Summer 2021 (online)

The most-frequently consulted page of a syllabus is the course schedule. So I put that page first.

Reading	Quiz #	Due date
Syllabus	S	Th 6/17
What is Philosophy? (video only)	P	F 6/18
How to Read Philosophy (video only)	R	
The Content of Morality: What is the morally right thing to do?		
Jeremy Bentham, <i>Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation</i> , Ch. 1	1	M 6/21
Is this course easy? Yes, if you make it. (video only)	E	
Jeremy Bentham, <i>The Rationale of Reward</i> , Book III, Ch. 1, just paragraph 8	2	W 6/23
Robert Nozick, <i>The Experience Machine</i> (from <i>Anarchy, State, and Utopia</i>)	3	
Jeremy Bentham, <i>Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation</i> , Ch. 13	4	F 6/25
Jeremy Bentham, <i>Offenses Against One's Self</i> , selection	5	
J.J.C. Smart, <i>Utilitarianism and Justice</i> (from <i>Outline of a System of Utilitarian Ethics</i>)	6	M 6/28
Peter Singer, <i>Famine, Affluence, and Morality</i> & optional 'Philosophy Bro' article	7	
Onora O'Neill, <i>Kant on Treating People as Ends In Themselves</i>	8	
The Authority of Morality: Why should we do the morally right thing?		
Aristotle, <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> , Book I, selections	9	W 6/30
Friedrich Nietzsche, <i>On the Genealogy of Morals</i> , First Essay, selections	10	
MIDTERM EXAM		F 7/2
The Objectivity of Morality: Is morality relative in some way?		
A.J. Ayer, <i>Language, Truth, and Logic</i> , Chapter 6, selection	11	W 7/7
David Hume, <i>A Treatise of Human Nature</i> , Book III, Part 1, §1, selections.	12	
Bernard Williams, <i>Interlude: Relativism</i> (from <i>Morality: An Introduction to Ethics</i>)	13	F 7/9
John Locke, <i>Two Treatises of Government</i> , Book II, Chapter 2, Sections 4 & 6	14	
Plato, <i>Euthyphro</i>	15	M 7/12
Russ Shafer-Landau, <i>Whatever Happened to Good and Evil?</i> , Chapter 1	16	
Russ Shafer-Landau, <i>Whatever Happened to Good and Evil?</i> , Chapter 2	17	W 7/14
Russ Shafer-Landau, <i>Whatever Happened to Good and Evil?</i> , Chapter 3	18	
Russ Shafer-Landau, <i>Whatever Happened to Good and Evil?</i> , Chapter 11	19	F 7/16
Barbara MacKinnon & Andrew Fiala, <i>Reasons Supporting Ethical Relativism</i>	20	
Russ Shafer-Landau, <i>Whatever Happened to Good and Evil?</i> , Chapter 14	21	M 7/19
Russ Shafer-Landau, <i>Whatever Happened to Good and Evil?</i> , Chapter 17	22	
FINAL EXAM		W 7/21