

Class Preparation & Participation Scheduled for Philosophy 2326.A01NT
Spring 2017, Dr. Jean Sorensen

Week	Class Focus and Assignments Due	Reading/Quiz
Unit 1: Learning Philosophical Terms and Arguments through Meta-ethics and Reading Aristotle's <i>Nicomachean Ethics</i> (primary source)		
1 1/17-20	Welcome to class! Introductions & expectations Aristotle PPT Are good people happy? Introductory Discussion Posting. Post at earliest convenience. Respond to two classmates.	Bk. 1 "Happiness and Being at Work" & Bk. 2 "Virtue and the Mean"
2 1/23-27	Aristotle PPT (Virtue Ethics) Is virtue the same for all people? Start working on how to respond to discussion questions in Canvas. Reading Discussion #1 in Canvas: Post in response to the prompt.	Bk. III "Responsibility & Primary Virtues of Character" and Bk. IV "Other Virtues of Character"
3 1/30-2/3	Prudence (intellectual virtue) linked to morality Review and preview—tying ideas together Respond to 2 classmates in Discussion #1.	Bk. V "Justice" and Bk. VI "Virtues of Thinking"
4 2/5-10	Visualizing Book VII A new beginning: Decency vs Virtue and Vice The roles of regret and immaturity Reading Discussion #2 in Canvas post.	Bk. VII "Unrestraint and Pleasure"
5 2/13-17	The greatest benefits of virtue Reading Discussion #3 in Canvas post.	Bk. VIII "Friendship and Community"
6 2/20-24	The friend as another self The origins of the Ethics of Care 9/29-10/1, Professor attending Digital Advisory Board with Pearson in New Jersey Life or Rotaract #1 Applied Learning Discussion	Bk. IX "Friendship and the Self"
7 2/27-3/3	Contemplation for ordinary people Summary, review, and looking forward Reading Discussion #4 in Canvas	Bk. X "Pleasure and Happiness"
UNIT 2: Learning Philosophical Terms and Arguments through Normative Theories of Modern Ethics (Using the reading from <i>The Elements of Moral Philosophy</i> , 8 th ed.)		
8 3/6-10	Differences between ancient and modern views of ethics Cultural Relativism (CR) or the problem with "It's all good," a reconsideration of justice Oral Presentations on Aristotle Papers due	Ch. 1 "What is Morality?" Quiz

Spring Break—Have a great time!		
9 3/20-24	The pros and cons of CR Submitting Aristotle papers Friday = GC Learning Day	Ch. 2 “The Challenge of Cultural Relativism” Quiz
10 3/27-31	Can head and heart be separated? Can people be good without god? Life or Rotaract #2 Applied Learning Discussion	Ch. 3 “Subjectivism in Ethics” and Ch. 4 “Does Morality Depend on Religion?” 2 Quizzes
11 4/3-7	What does “normative theory” mean? The benefits and problems of radical individualism The problem of the disenfranchised and the free rider	Ch. 5 “Ethical Egoism” and Ch. 6 “The Idea of a Social Contract” 2 Quizzes
12 4/10-14	Utilitarian PPT Utilitarian tutorial	Ch. 7 “The Utilitarian Approach” and Ch. 8 “The Debate over Utilitarianism” 2 Quizzes
13 4/17-21	Duty and the Categorical Imperative Differentiating between normative theories Reading Discussion #5 in Canvas Oral presentations on applied ethics papers	Ch. 9 “Are There Any Absolute Moral Rules?” and Ch. 10 “Kant and Respect for Persons” 2 Quizzes
14 4/24-28	Is nurturing a female virtue? Working on applied ethics paper	Ch. 11 “Feminism and the Ethics of Care” Quiz
15 5/1-5	Reviewing applied ethics papers Your Conception of Morality Submitting applied ethics papers	Ch. 13 “What Would a Satisfactory Moral Theory Look Like?”
Finals Week 5/8-11	Final multiple-choice exam due by Wednesday 11:59 p.m. Spring Commencement 5/12	