

PHILOSOPHY 105
INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS AND VALUES
FALL 2008

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Text: *Exploring Ethics*, edited by Steven M. Cahn, Oxford University Press and Readings in Aesthetics to be handed out later

Description: An introduction to central issues in ethics and value theory. Questions to be considered might include “What makes actions right or wrong?” “Are there facts about what is beautiful?” “Can our social institutions be justified?”

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| Required Work: | Short paper – 4 pp. | Oct. 3 | 20% |
| | Mid-Term Exam | Oct. 17 | 20% |
| | Debate and Paper | Weeks of Oct. 27, Nov. 3, 10 | 30% |
| | Final Exam | To be scheduled | 30% |

The general topics and authors discussed (with provisionally scheduled dates):

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| Sept. 8 - 26 | Challenges to Morality (from selections 1 –9) |
| Sept. 29 – Oct. 15 | Moral Theories (from selections 10 – 20) |
| Oct. 17 | Mid – Term Exam |
| Oct. 20 – 24 | Introduction to Moral Problems |
| Oct. 27 – Nov. 14 | Debates on Moral Problems |
| Nov. 17 – 28 | Aesthetics |
| Dec.1 | Review for Final Exam |

Note: *Class attendance and participation will prove to be a valuable asset when writing papers and exams*

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