The topic in the course is Meta-ethics.

Required text.


We will do Parts 5 and 6, and appendix J.
There may also be handouts of related papers.

Course requirements.

1. Because we carry on a sustained conversation from one class to another, you should not miss any class.
2. Take home midterm assignment of about five pages to be announced.
3. Term paper of about eight to ten pages on topic of your choice due at end.

Office hours. Rabb 331, Friday 2:00-4:00, or by appointment. Phone: x2785.

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Disability. If you are a student with a documented disability at Brandeis University and wish to have a reasonable accommodation made for you in this class, please see the course instructor immediately.
Academic Honesty. You are expected to be honest in all of your academic work. The University policy on academic honesty is distributed annually as section 5 of the Rights and Responsibilities handbook. Instances of alleged dishonesty will be forwarded to the Office of Campus Life for possible referral to the Student Judicial System. Potential sanctions include failure in the course and suspension from the University. If you have any questions about my expectations, please ask.

Four-Credit Course (with three hours of class-time per week). Success in this 4 credit hour course is based on the expectation that students will spend a minimum of 9 hours of study time per week in preparation for class (readings, doing exercises, problem sets, discussion sections, preparation for exams, etc.).

Communications. The course will have a mailing list on LATTE. Information about snow days, changed deadlines, and so forth will be broadcast on that mailing list. We may make use of LATTE discussion forums as well.

Students in Phil 114b will critically read and engage with a philosophical text related on meta-ethics, will learn to identify and evaluate philosophical arguments in the text, and will write papers that carefully develop and defend philosophical claims about meta-ethics.