Spring 2017 Philosophy 17 Intro to Ethics

Mr. Greenberg

Office: Rabb 311
Office hours: Tue & Thur. 3:20-4:15

Text: Steven Cahn, Ethics (Oxford University Press)

A study of some main philosophers of ethics, including philosophers from antiquity and the 18th, 19th, and 20th Centuries. A discussion of some of the main problems of ethical theory.

Requirements

1. Read all material assigned before attending class.

2. Attend every class meeting. Unexcused absences will be noted.

3. Complete 2 in-class quizzes. No make-up for unexcused absence from exams. Absences excused only for official documented reasons, such as a doctor’s letter stating that the student could not take the exam at the scheduled time.

4. Make any request for special accommodation for a documented disability or religious practice before the time of the requested accommodation.

5. Observe university standards of academic integrity.

6. No use of any electronic device in class.

7. 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, papers, discussion sections, preparation for exams, etc.).

Assigned Reading

All readings from Cahn, Ethics

January

17 Tu. Introduction

19 Th. Plato, “Euthyphro”

24 Tu. Plato, “Republic, Book I

26 Th. “Republic, Book I” continued

February

2 Th.  Aristotle, “Ethics, Book II, Moral Virtue”
7 Tu.  Aristotle, continued

9 Th.  Aristotle, continued

14 Tu.  Hume, “Human Nature . . .“

16 Th.  Hume, “Enquiry”

28 Tu.  Kant, “Groundwork”

March

2 Th.  “Groundwork” continued

7 Tu.  “Groundwork” continued

9 Th.  Mill, “Utilitarianism”

14 Tu.  “Utilitarianism,” continued

16 Th.  First Quiz

21 Tu.  Moore, “Ethica”
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