



**PHILOSOPHY 1010
FALL, 2009
COURSE OUTLINE**



D. Whiting

Text: Arthur & Scalet: *Morality and Moral Controversies*

Evaluation:

- 1. Minor Assignments: 25%**
- 2. Major Assignment: 25%**
- 3. Mid-Term: 20%**
- 4. Final Exam: 30%**

Schedule of Classes & Readings

- 1. Sep.3:** Introduction. The topic for discussion will be the nature of values & some basic ethical theories.
- 2. Sep.8:** A discussion of the issues raised in Chapter 1 of the text. Reading: Ch.1.
- 3. Sep.10:** The lecture will concern the sources & grounds of morality. Reading: Ch.2.
- 4. Sep. 15:** Aristotle, Kant & Mill. Reading: Ch.3
- 5. Sep. 17:** Chapter 4 will be the basis for class lecture & discussion. Minor Assignment 1 will be handed out.
- 6. Sep. 22:** The readings in Chapter 5 will form the basis for our discussion of terrorism.
- 7. Sep. 24:** Assignment 1 is due. Class will be concerned with the justifications for capital punishment Reading: Ch.6.
- 8. Oct. 1:** Environmental ethics & our duties toward animals will be examined. Reading: Ch.7.
- 9. Oct. 6:** Ethical problems raised by human reproduction will be the topic considered. Reading: Ch.8.
- 10. Oct.8:** We shall consider the moral issues that arise from death. Reading: Ch.9.
- 11. Oct.13:** Review for Mid-Term.
- 12. Oct.15: MID-TERM**
- 13. Oct.20:** Sex & Morality will be the topic for analysis. Reading: Ch.10. Minor Assignment 2 will be distributed.
- 14. Oct.22:** Other issues involving human relationships (part 1). Reading: Ch.11.
- 15. Oct.27:** Same topic continued from previous week. Minor assignment 2 is due.
- 15. Oct.27:** Visions of the ideal state will open our study of political philosophy. Reading: Ch.12.
- 16. Oct.29:** The topic for this class will be the relationship of the individual to society (part 1). Reading: Ch.13.
- 17. Nov.3:** Same topic concluded. Minor Assignment 3 is handed out.
- 18. Nov.5:** Moral principles & human rights (part 1) Reading: Ch.15
- 19. Nov.10:** Same topic concluded. Minor Assignment 3 is due. Major Assignment will be handed out.
- 20. Nov.12:** Moral questions concerning political equality will be discussed in this class & the next. Reading: Ch.16
- 21. Nov.17:** Same topic concluded.
- 22. Nov.19:** Moral principles & Multiculturalism (part 1). Reading: Ch.17.
- 23. Nov.24:** Previous topic concluded.
- 24. Nov.26:** Affirmative Action, etc. (part 1). Reading: Ch.18.
- 25. Dec.1:** Previous topic concluded.
- 26. Dec.3:** Flex Class.
- 27. Dec.8:** Final Exam Review 1.
- 28. Dec.10:** Final Exam Review 2.