



**PHILOSOPHY 1010  
FALL, 2010  
COURSE OUTLINE**



D. Whitting

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