

# PHIL 335

## Contemporary Moral Philosophy

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### Course Description

In this course we will attempt to develop a solid understanding of four prominent normative ethical theories: contractarianism, Kantian ethics, consequentialism and contractualism. We will begin with a classic text in each tradition and move through contemporary attempts to explain, develop and critique these different conceptions of ethics. We will try to understand the intuitions and problems

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One Essay 25%

I will give you a list of suggested essay topics, but you are very welcome to propose your own topic. If you intend to write on a topic of your own devising you need to submit your idea *a* *a*. You must get your proposed topic to me in writing (email is fine) by the last day of classes. Further

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## Course Schedule

Please note that this schedule is tentative.  
Any changes will be announced in class and posted on Brightspace.

All readings can be found through Brightspace.

## *Contractarianism*

T 1/9

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## Consequentialism

F 3/1,  
T 3/5

Sidgwick from *T e M e d E c*

W 3/6

Williams Consequentialism and Integrity

F 3/8

Railton Alienation, Consequentialism, and the Demands of Morality

