

PHIL 201 : Introduction to Ethics

The study of classical ethics texts by Aristotle, Kant, Mill, and many others. Examination of some contemporary moral issues. We will approach these topics by looking at the foundations of moral beliefs in meta-ethics; ancient, classical, and contemporary approaches to normative ethical theories; and the application of normative theories to current ethical issues.

Credits 3

Course Outcomes

After successfully completing the course, the learner will be able to:

- Describe the distinguishing features of a range of ethical principles and theories.
- Identify the strengths and weaknesses of different principles and theories.
- Describe a moral problem, identifying features of the problem that are of moral relevance.
- Show how different theories or principles would apply to the problem.
- Provide a sound justification for preferring one theory or principle over the alternatives.
- Demonstrate full understanding of the implications of a position you take on an ethical issue.
- Acknowledge the merits of positions opposed to your own.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the basics of sound philosophical argumentation.

Competency

Humanities and Fine Arts