

Course Code: PHI 105 (IAI H4 904)**Course Title:** Introduction to Ethics**Department:** Humanities**Effective Date:** Summer 2026**PCS Code:** 1.1 - Baccalaureate/Transfer**CIP Code:** 38.0103**Repeatability:** 0

Credit Hours

Catalog Notation: 3-0-3**Credit Hour Distribution:**

Lecture: 3

Lab: 0

Clinical: 0

Total: 3

General Course Information

Catalog Description

Study of the perennial moral and ethical questions through examination of three normative theories, comparing and contrasting their fundamental principles and concepts. (Also in Canterbury Program)

General Course Objectives

To enable the student to explore and understand the theoretical scope and practical applications of moral thought.

Minimum Placement Levels

English	Reading	Math
Placement out of ENG 099	Placement out of CCS 098	None

Prerequisites

None

Methods of Evaluation

Minimum of 4-6 multi-page essay exams, the Final Exam for the course serving as one of these essay exams, OR 4-5 multi-page short essays, minimum of 1-2 multi-page major assignments and 2-3 take-home exams.

Instructional Materials and Additional Supplies

Introduction to Ethics (Whitlock) OR Selection of four or more major works by ethical thinkers as primary texts with optional secondary readings

Course Content

General Learning Outcomes (GLOs)

- Communication: Students will demonstrate the ability to read, write, listen, and speak effectively.
- Critical Thinking and Information Literacy: Students will demonstrate the ability to evaluate perspectives, evidence, and implications, and to locate, assess, and use information effectively.
- Global Awareness and Cultural Reasoning: Students will demonstrate their understanding of global issues, gender and sexual orientation, and multicultural perspectives.

Course Segments and Student Learning Outcomes

Course Segment	Learning Outcomes	Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
Virtue Ethics	1. Demonstrate ability to read and write concerning Aristotle's virtue ethics as found in the Nicomachean Ethics. 2. Demonstrate ability to think critically about those ethics and make ethical decisions reflecting virtue ethics.	15	0	0
Utilitarianism	1. Demonstrate ability to read and write concerning Mill and Nielsen's utilitarianism as found in "Utilitarianism" and "Defense of Utilitarianism". 2. Demonstrate ability to think critically about those ethics and make ethical decisions reflecting utilitarianism.	15	0	0
Deontological Ethics	1. Demonstrate ability to read and write concerning Kant's ethics as found in "Groundwork of a Metaphysics of Morals". 2. Demonstrate ability to think critically about those ethics and make ethical decisions reflecting deontological ethics.	15	0	0

Total Contact Hours

Lecture Hours	Lab Hours	Clinical Hours
45	0	0