

PHIL 240 Introduction to Ethics

PHIL 240 INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS

This course is an introduction to major ethical problems and theories. The course examines topics such as human nature, conflicting views of moral goodness, and the relationship between religion and morality, with an emphasis on better understanding sources of moral disagreement. The ethical theories reviewed in the course include deontology, consequentialism, virtue ethics, and the ethics of care. These ethical theories are applied to present-day issues. Potential issues discussed in the course include environmental ethics, biomedical ethics, animal rights, the ethics of eating, the ethics of technology, and human enhancement. *Grade Option (Letter Grade or Pass/No Pass). Degree Credit.*

Units: 3

Hours/semester: 48-54 Lecture; 96-108 Homework

Recommended: Eligibility for ENGL 100.

AA/AS Degree Requirements: Area C2

Transfer Credit: CSU (CSU GE Area C2), UC (IGETC Area 3B)

C-ID: PHIL 120

