## Introduction to Ethics, PHIL 1110—Seated

**Course Schedule, Fall 2015** 

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# \*\*Please note: This schedule is subject to change. All changes will be announced in the News (announcements) on D2L/Brightspace and in class.

The reading listed for a particular day should be read **prior** to coming to class that day.

I will give you a short quiz on the readings at the beginning of class on a regular basis. To do well on the quiz, look at the following tips while reading:

- The main points (label these clearly & summarize them in your own words).
- All the key concepts (try writing down the definition of each of these).
- Examples given.
- If there is a short anecdote or story in the reading, identify the main point of that story.

## Session 1 Introduction to the Course, What is Ethics?

## **Tuesday (8/25)**

- We'll go over the Syllabus, Course Schedule, Civic Engagement Project Assignment and all Important Course Documents
- No Quiz or reading today! ©

#### **Thursday (8/27)**

- Read: Chapter 1
- Read: Nicholas Kristoff "Rachel's Last Fund-Raiser" http://tinyurl.com/42lgc84, "C. P. Ellis Interviewed by Studs Terkel" (on D2L), Tom Hallman "Woman's Gift Sparks Charity" (on D2L)

## **Session 2: Ethics Avoidance Issues**

#### Tuesday (9/1)

• Read: Chapter 2

# Thursday (9/3)

• Read: Peter Singer "Ten Ways to Make a Difference" and Meredith Maran, "The Activism Cure", Using Your Tools #9 (Pages 506-507)

#### Session 3: Taking Values Seriously, Justice vs. Charity

#### Tuesday (9/8)

• Read: Chapter 4

#### **Thursday (9/10)**

• Read: "Letter From Birmingham Jail" by Martin Luther King Junior

## **Session 4: Creative and Critical Thinking**

## Tuesday (9/15)

- Read: Chapter 9
- Civic Engagement Project Draft 1: Introduction Due (You can bring it to class or upload it to the correct Dropbox on D2L)
- Guest Speaker

## **Thursday (9/17)**

• Read Chapter 13

#### **Session 5: Ethics of the Person**

## **Tuesday (9/22)**

• Read: Chapter 5

## Thursday (9/24)

• No new reading (you can reread chapter 5!)

## **Session 6: Ethics of Happiness**

## **Tuesday (9/29)**

• Read: Chapter 6

# Thursday (10/1)

- No new Reading
- Civic Engagement Project Draft 2: Investigations (You can bring it to class or upload it to the correct Dropbox on D2L)

## Session 7: Doing the Most Good? Applying Utilitarianism

## **Tuesday (10/6)**

 Read: Using Your Tools #3 (pages 168-172) and Peter Singer "A selection from The Most Good you Can Do" (Found in Content on D2L)

## Thursday (10/8)

• Read a Critic of Singer (To Be Announced) (I'll post this under Content by the time this session comes)

## **Session 8: Midterm**

## Tuesday (10/13)

- No new reading for this week
- Exam 1

# Thursday (10/15)

No class--MEA

#### **Session 9: Virtue Ethics**

## Tuesday (10/20)

• Read: Chapter 7

## Thursday (10/22)

• Read Additional Readings on Black Lives Matter (These will be posted under Content before this session)

## Session 10: Ethics of Relationships and Environmentalism

# Tuesday (10/27)

• Read: Chapter 8

## Thursday (10/29)

• Read John Ryan and Alan During "T-Shirt" Found under Content on D2L

## **Session 11: Ethics of Religion**

## **Tuesday (11/3)**

• Read: Chapter 3

## Thursday (11/5)

- Read: Additional Readings on Religious Texts (Islam, Hinduism, Christianity) (Found under Content on D2L)
- Civic Engagement Project Draft 3: Theoretical Applications due (You can bring it to class or upload it to the correct Dropbox on D2L)

# **Session 12: Judging Like Cases Alike**

## Tuesday (11/10)

• Read: Chapter 10

## Thursday (11/12)

Read: Using Your Tools #5 (pages 274-278)

## **Session 13: When Values Clash**

## Tuesday (11/17)

- Read: Chapter 12
- Read: Using Your Tools #6 (pages 337-341))

## Thursday (11/19)

- No New Reading
- Learn to Make E-folios

## Session 14: Catch up/Work Day

## Tuesday (11/24)

- No New Reading
- This is time to ask any questions as you finish your Civic Engagement Projects

#### Thursday (11/26)

• No Class—Happy Thanksgiving!

## Session 15: Moral Vision and Making a Difference

## **Tuesday (12/1)**

• Read: Chapter 15, Chapter 17

## Thursday (12/3)

- No new Reading
- ½ of Class will do CE Presentations
- Completed E-folio is due—Please put the url of your efolio on the discussion board
- Final Civic Engagement Projects are due
  - o It will include the revised drafts :
    - 1. Introduction
    - 2. Investigations
    - 3. Theoretical Applications

AND the last two sections

- 4. Actions Taken
- 5. Accomplishments
- You will create <u>one document</u> with the five parts of the project <u>labeled</u> and submit it to the correct Dropbox on D2L

## **Session 16: Finishing Up the Course**

## **Tuesday (12/8)**

- No New Reading
- ½ of Class will do CE Presentations

## Thursday (12/10)

- Read Chapter 18
- Study for Exam 2

## Session 17: Exam 2

## Tuesday (12/15)

- Exam 2 (100 points)
  - This Exam will be multiple choice, T/F, and essay questions
  - It will cover material from sessions 9-16
  - o It will ALSO cover all families of Moral Values

## Thursday (12/17)---No Class!!

Thanks for a great semester!