

EASTERN WYOMING COLLEGE
COURSE SYLLABUS
Spring 2012

COURSE TITLE: Ethics in Practice
COURSE NUMBER: PHIL 2300, Section 40
CREDIT: 3 credit hours
TIME AND LOCATION: online

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COURSE DESCRIPTION:

An examination of contemporary ethical conflicts to provide students with grounding in the language, concepts, and traditions of ethics and with the tools necessary to analyze moral dilemmas in a variety of areas.

Prerequisite: English 1010 (or its equivalent) with a grade of C or better.

RATIONALE:

This course attempts to provide students with the opportunity to ask, write about, reflect on and discuss basic questions about key areas or subject matters of human life and about significant and pervasive aspects of this experience.

This course fulfills the humanities requirement for EWC's Associate degrees. It also transfers to the University of Wyoming as a CH component (humanities).

INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS:

Required: Hinman, Lawrence, *Ethics: A Pluralistic Approach to Moral History*, 4th ed., 2008
ISBN: 978-0-495-00674-9

COURSE OBJECTIVES:

1. To provide an array of classic writings in philosophy.
2. To debate the application of those concepts in business, government, professional, medical and private life.
3. To familiarize the student with contemporary moral issues and their theoretical underpinnings.
4. To attempt to develop our moral reasoning skills so we can evaluate critically our own or and other views of what is thought to be good and bad, just and unjust.
5. To clarify the connection between philosophical theory, contemporary cases, and the student's own moral thinking.
6. To introduce the concept of giving reasons and making arguments to justify one's moral conclusions.

MATERIAL COVERED:

Ethics and ethical reasoning, ethical relativism, ethical objectivism, religion and ethics, utilitarianism, deontological ethics, virtue-based ethical theory, human rights

COURSE REQUIREMENTS:

1. Perform satisfactorily on quizzes and tests.
2. Complete assignments by the specified deadline. Late assignments will be penalized 10% per day.

Grades will be based on the following:

A = 90 - 100% B = 80 - <90% C = 70 - <80%
D = 60 - <70% F = 0 - <60%

ATTENDANCE and WITHDRAWAL POLICIES:

(see current Eastern Wyoming College Catalog)

Consistent attention to the online course is critical to your success. The instructor of this course reserves the right to withdraw a student for abandonment. Abandonment, in this case, may be failure to log on to the course for one week or falling one week behind the schedule of due dates.

COURSE WORK:

Tests

Tests will be given over the assigned chapters of the textbook and other material covered. Test dates are noted on the course schedule, but are subject to modification. The instructor may not allow the student to make up the test or may deduct points from the late test (up to 10% per day).

EVALUATION:

Each writing assignment has a designated point value in the assignments tab. Those points will be cumulated to determine grades. No weighting of assignments.

AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES:

Eastern Wyoming College is committed to providing reasonable accommodations for "qualified individuals with disabilities." If you are a person with a disability that qualifies under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA), please notify Ms. Deb Ocshner as soon as possible so that arrangements for accommodations may be made.

ACADEMIC DISHONESTY POLICY:

Academic dishonesty is not tolerated. It is my expectation that you are doing your own work. Dishonesty includes:

Plagiarism: Copying or using the ideas of another without giving proper credit through the use of quotation marks, footnotes, or other forms of reference.

Cheating: Making unauthorized use of answers to examinations, tests, quizzes, in-class work, or homework assignments, as well as copying from fellow students or submitting work that has been done by someone else.

Students shall complete all assigned course work individually unless otherwise indicated.

Academic dishonesty of any kind shall result in a score of zero on the assignment or examination and may result in withdrawal from the course or a grade of F, as the instructor deems appropriate. In addition, the instructor may refer the student to the appropriate EWC official for further discipline.

GENERAL EDUCATION REQUIREMENTS

- A. Communication Skills: Graduates will be able to understand and communicate ideas and information in written and spoken English that reveals a mastery of terminology appropriate to their disciplines.
- B. Analytical and Quantitative Reasoning: Graduates will be able to solve problems through critical thinking involving analytical and quantitative reasoning at a level appropriate to their disciplines.
- C. Technology Skills: Graduates will be able to demonstrate competence using technology appropriate to their disciplines.
- D. Social Awareness: Graduates will be able to demonstrate an awareness of the relationship between the individual and the world.
- E. Information Literacy: Graduates will be able to locate, evaluate, and use information effectively

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Information contained in this syllabus was, to the best knowledge of the instructor, considered correct and complete when distributed for use at the beginning of the class. However, this syllabus should not be considered a contract between Eastern Wyoming College and the student. The instructor reserves the right, acting within the policies and procedures of EWC, to make changes in courses content or instructional technique without notice or obligation.