

Philosophy 24
Introduction to Ethics and Political Philosophy
Fall, 2014

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Important Dates:

First Paper Due: April 29
Second Paper Due: May 27
Final Examination: June 7, 8:00-10:00 A.M.

Topic: The course will consider such questions as the nature of morality, the source of moral values, and moral knowledge, as well as ethical theories such as egoism, hedonism, consequentialism, deontology, and virtue ethics.

Grades will be based on the following: a final examination (30%), two short papers (25% each), on-line quizzes (10%), and discussion-section participation (10%). The final will be in-class, with short-answer questions. Papers will involve textual analysis on assigned topics. Examinations must be taken, and papers turned in, at the scheduled time, unless prior authorization is given. Late papers will be penalized one grade quantum (for example, A- to B+) per two working days late. **Both the final and the two papers must be completed in order for the course to be passed.**

Courtesy in Class: The use of cell phones for texting during class is a distraction to the instructor and perhaps to other students. As a courtesy, please turn off your cell phones during class. You are free to leave the classroom if there is any message that you find important enough to check or answer during the class period.

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