

Course Syllabus

Husson University

PH110: Introduction to Ethics

2020 Summer I71 (May 11 to June 26)

Professor Guthrie

Office: Meetinghouse 225

Schedule a Meeting

Send me a note through the campus inbox system and we can easily set up a zoom meeting or a phone call. I strongly encourage you to reach out to me for help or any concerns or questions.

Weekly Zoom Hangouts: Each week I'll offer a 1-hour class meeting by zoom. We'll start on Thursday afternoons from 4 to 5 and see if that time works for most people. This will be a time for us to go over the ideas of the week and for students to ask any questions they may have about the material. I strongly suggest that you read through the chapters before we have these meetings so you can be ready to discuss the ideas in them.

Contact: The best way to contact me about class related things is through the **Canvas Inbox messaging system**, not Husson email. If you send me an email I will usually I respond to class-related emails through the Canvas messaging system. Make sure you have your Canvas notifications turned on.

Course Description: This course introduces students to important traditional ethical theories, new directions in moral thinking, and contemporary ethical controversies. It focuses on ethics as the practice of informed dialogue and principled behavior in a diverse and changing society and in the workplace.

Required Books and Materials:

- Clifton Guthrie,, *Introduction to Ethics*, an online book published by TopHat. <https://tophat.com> [.\(https://tophat.com/\)](https://tophat.com/)
- Use Join Code: 185172
 - It's a little less expensive if you buy directly from TopHat rather than go through the bookstore and buy a join code

- When you create your account, please put in your Husson student ID number.
- Unless you know you will be taking Professional Communications I recommend that you select 4 month classroom access.
- Your total should be \$72.20. If you buy from the bookstore the total will be \$97.25. [. \(https://www.bkstr.com/hussonstore/course-materials-results?shopBy=course&divisionDisplayName=&departmentDisplayName=PH&courseDisplayName=110§ionDisplayName=I7-1&programId=595&termId=100062029\)](https://www.bkstr.com/hussonstore/course-materials-results?shopBy=course&divisionDisplayName=&departmentDisplayName=PH&courseDisplayName=110§ionDisplayName=I7-1&programId=595&termId=100062029)
- Quizlet: We have a quizlet class for helping us to learn the basic terms and ideas in the class. <https://quizlet.com/join/NuZxvvMJH> (<https://quizlet.com/join/NuZxvvMJH>)
- Other required readings will be distributed in class or as PDF files on Canvas and through Google Drive

Graded Assignments

- Top Hat Chapters (40% of final grade). The chapters in Top Hat include review questions and discussions. Individual chapters will be released as we get to them. Reading these chapters requires watching all the embedded videos, answering all the embedded objective and essay questions, and studying the chapters to prepare for the weekly quiz or final exam.
- Weekly Quizzes and Final Exam based on the chapters (30% of final grade).
- Weekly assignments (30% of final grade). This include class discussion and other short writing assignments.

Student Learning Outcomes Specific to this Class

- Students will demonstrate introductory understanding of key thinkers and traditions in ethics.
- Students will be able to apply their knowledge of morality and ethical theory to case studies.

Student Learning Outcomes for Philosophy Gen Ed Courses:

- SLO1: Students will be able to demonstrate the relevance of philosophical thinking in their own lives and careers (1A Knowledge)
- SLO2: Students will be able to conceive of and present a philosophical argument using concepts learned in the course (3A Thinking)

Academic Policies: We will follow Husson's Undergraduate Academic Policies, linked in the menu to the left.

Projected Class Outline

Please note: This class will move quickly through a lot of material. You will typically need to complete two chapters, study for and take a quiz, and do another relevant assignment every week. It can be relatively self-guided but the material is dense enough that it won't be

possible to do all this in one day. You are strongly encouraged to spend some time every day on this class working through the week's assignments, and can estimate taking 8 to 10 hours to work through the material each week and participate in class.

Week	Chapter/Topics	Major assignments
1	Morality and ethics	TopHat Welcome and Chapter 1 and TopHat 2: Why do we have morality?
2	The Moral Mind	TopHat 3: The Moral Mind
3	Normative Ethics	TopHat 4: Following Virtue TopHat 5: Ethics as Duty
4	Normative Ethics	TopHat 6: The Greater Good TopHat 7: The Social Contract
5	Applied Ethics	TopHat 8 and 9

Ethics in work and
professional life

TopHat 10 and 11

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Applied Ethics

Ethics in the contexts of
Religion and the
Environment





TopHat 12 and 13












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








Applied Ethics












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Final Exam











Course Summary:

Date	Details	
Thu May 14, 2020	 Zoom Class meeting https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11934403	due by 2pm
Fri May 15, 2020	 Tophat Welcome Chapter Key Idea https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11928724	due by 11:59pm
Sun May 17, 2020	 Week 1 Quiz on Chapters 1 and 2 https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11894978	due by 11:59pm
	 Opening Discussion https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11928725	due by 11:59pm

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	 TopHat Ch 1 https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885819	due by 11:59pm
	 TopHat Ch 2 https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885820	due by 11:59pm
Thu May 21, 2020	 Moral Psych: Introductory Lecture	to do: 11:59pm
	 TopHat Ch 3 https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885821	due by 11:59pm
Sun May 24, 2020	 Week 2 Quiz on Chapter 3 https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11944847	due by 11:59pm
	 Your Moral Foundation Survey Score https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11965030	due by 11:59pm
Mon May 25, 2020	 Introduction to the ethics of virtue	to do: 11:59pm
	 TopHat Chapter 4 https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885822	due by 11:59pm
Thu May 28, 2020	 Introduction to duty ethics	to do: 11:59pm
Sat May 30, 2020	 TopHat Chapter 5 https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885823	due by 11:59pm
Sun May 31, 2020	 Week 3 Quiz on Chapters 4 and 5 https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11944848	due by 11:30pm

Date	Details	
	 Virtue and Duty Ethics Assignment https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11979311	due by 11:59pm
Mon Jun 1, 2020	 Virtue and Duty Ethics Assignment https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11979311 (1 student)	due by 11:59pm
Tue Jun 2, 2020	 Introduction to Consequentialism and Social Contract Ethics	to do: 11:59pm
Thu Jun 4, 2020	 TopHat Chapter 6: The Greater Good https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885824	due by 11:59pm
Sat Jun 6, 2020	 Summary of Ethics Theories and How to Use Them	to do: 11:59pm
	 TopHat Chapter 7 https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885825	due by 11:59pm
Sun Jun 7, 2020	 Week 4 Quiz on Chapters 6 and 7 https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11944849	due by 11:59pm
Mon Jun 8, 2020	 Week 4 Quiz on Chapters 6 and 7 https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11944849 (1 student)	due by 11:59pm
	 Introduction to Workplace and Professional Ethics	to do: 11:59pm
Thu Jun 11, 2020	 Top Hat Chapter 8 https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885828	due by 11:59pm

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Sat Jun 13, 2020	 Top Hat Chapter 9 (https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885829)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Jun 14, 2020	 Week 5 Quiz on Chapters 8 and 9 (https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11944850)	due by 11:59pm
	 Group Discussions on Case (https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/12013694)	due by 11:59pm
Mon Jun 15, 2020	 Introduction to Week 6: Issues in Ethics	to do: 11:59pm
Thu Jun 18, 2020	 Open Discussion: Issue of Race (https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/12106002)	due by 11:59pm
	 Top Hat Chapter 10 (https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885826)	due by 11:59pm
Sat Jun 20, 2020	 Top Hat Chapter 11 (https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885827)	due by 11:59pm
Sun Jun 21, 2020	 Week 6 Quiz on Chapters 10 and 11 (https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11944851)	due by 11:59pm
	 Final Module Instructions	to do: 11:59pm
Mon Jun 22, 2020	 TopHat Chapter 12 (https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11894975)	due by 11:59pm
	 Review Study List for Final Exam	to do: 11:59pm


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Fri Jun 26, 2020	 Final Exam Essay Question https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/12107747 due by 11:59pm
	 Final Week Class Discussion -- Feedback https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/12088467 due by 11:59pm
	 Week 7 Final Quiz https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11944853 due by 11:59pm
	 Final Exam https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885798
	 Final Exam: Upvote and comment on your favorite charity https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885793
	 Group Ethics Case Brainstorming https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885802
	 Group Project Case Answer https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885803
	 Journal Assignment for Environmental Ethics https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885805
	 Journal Assignment for Religion and Ethics https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885807
	 Journal Entry: Pitch your charity https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885810

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 [Journal Writing Assignment: Human Rights Report](https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885811)
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 [Professional Ethics Code Investigation](https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885813)
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 [TopHat Chapter 13](https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11894976)
(<https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11894976>)

 [Week 1 Quiz on Chapters 1 and 2](https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/12566901)
(<https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/12566901>)

 [Your professional or workplace code of ethics](https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885806)
(<https://husson.instructure.com/courses/1735360/assignments/11885806>)
