

Class Assignments  
Phil. 302 Ethics  
Section 04 TR 9:45–11:15 am  
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## 1 Assignment Schedule *Version 1.2*

*Note:* The following assignment schedule is subject to revision and is intended to be a general guide to the assignments this semester. The assignment written on the board at the beginning of each class takes precedence over this schedule. As the semester progresses, for the most recent version of our class schedule, check this URI (Internet Address):

<http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/assignment.html>.

The online assignment schedule is hyperlinked to assignments. By using the online hyperlinks, you will not have to type in the URIs in your browser address box.

If an update to the schedule is available, the version number will be a number higher than *Version 1.0*. (For example, the first revision, if there is one, will be labeled *Version 1.1*) In the “Date” column, the number after *T* or *R* is the number sequence of the class, counting from the beginning of the semester. *T* and *R* stand for “Tuesday” and “Thursday” respectively.

In the “Class Topic” column, the subjects covered by that day’s class are listed, together with important due dates for assignments, including quizzes, tests, and paper. The “Assignment” column lists the day an assignment is assigned, *not* the day the

assignment is due. Assignments are due at the beginning of the class meeting unless stated otherwise.

The reading assignments refer to the URIs or the Internet addresses of online readings. Page numbers for reading assignment in the textbook refer to the PDF version of the online text. You may also access the readings in HTML form by navigating to this URL:

<http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/book1.html>

and scroll to the bottom of the page for the table of contents as a list of hyperlinks to the appropriate article. No page numbers are given for HTML pages.

Note that almost 40% of the reading assignments are simply online class notes for your convenience.

Please also refer to the example online tests, quizzes, and links online. These online resources are not listed below in this Assignment Schedule but can be accessed from the Ethics Homepage at

<http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/>

## 2 Ethics Assignment Schedule

Date	Class Topic	Assignment
09.02 R 1	Welcome to the Course Purpose of the Course What is Ethics? Class Requirements	Read Syllabus <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/syllabus.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/syllabus.html</a> Locate textbook <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook.book1.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook.book1.html</a> Locate Ethics Web <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/index.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/index.html</a> “How to Study” <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/study-topics.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/study-topics.html</a> Work on <i>Quiz 1: Web Practice Sheet</i>
09.07 T 2	The Central Questions of Ethics Navigating the Web Ethics FAQ Philosophy Forum Registration Ethical Issues	<a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/central.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/central.html</a>  <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/scope.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/scope.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/faq.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/faq.html</a> Register for the Philosophy Forum  <i>Quiz 1: What is an Ethical Issue?</i> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/moral_quiz.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/moral_quiz.html</a>
09.09 R 3	Morals, Ethics, Metaethics What is a Moral Issue? Why Be Moral? <i>Quiz 1: Web Practice Sheet</i> <i>Quiz 2: What is an Ethical Issue?</i>	<a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/types.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/types.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/issue.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/issue.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/why_moral.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/why_moral.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/truth.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/truth.html</a>
09.14 T 4	Philosophy Position Paper Consider Position Paper Topics Reasons for Adopting Moral Rules	<a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethics.papers.f01/">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethics.papers.f01/</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethics.papers.s00/">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethics.papers.s00/</a>  <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/paper_topics.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/paper_topics.html</a>

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09.16 R 5	Winslow, "Conscience Determines What's Right" Bain, "Conscience is Learned" Foote, "It Doesn't Pay to Be Moral"	<a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c179.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c179.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c386.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c386.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c575.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c575.html</a>
09.21 T 6	Is Conscience a Reason for Being Moral? Winslow Questions Bain Questions	<i>Email Position Paper Topic before next class date</i> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-winslow.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-winslow.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-bain.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-bain.html</a>
09.23 R 7	Religion and Ethics F. H. Bradley, "Why Should I Be Moral?" Foote Questions <i>Position Paper Topic Due</i>	<a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/articles/bradley_why.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/articles/bradley_why.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-foote.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-foote.html</a>  <i>Quiz 3: Philosophic Objections to Religious Ethics</i>
09.28 T 8	Ethical Relativism Ellwood, "Ethics are Culturally Relative" Ellwood Questions Westermarck, "Ethics are Relative" Westermarck Questions <i>Quiz 3: Philosophic Objections to Religious Ethics</i>	<a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/relativism.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/relativism.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c773.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c773.html</a>  <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-ellwood.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-ellwood.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c990.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c990.html</a>  <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-westermarck.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-westermarck.html</a>

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09.30 R 9	Ethical Absolutism Moore, "The Objectivity of Moral Judgments" Moore Questions Refutation of Ethical Relativism	Stace, "Ethics Aren't Relative" <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/stace.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/intro/stace.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c1244.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c1244.html</a>  <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-moore.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-moore.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/relativism.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/relativism.html</a>  <i>Quiz 4: Argument from Moral Progress</i>
10.05 T 10	Review of Main Arguments <i>Quiz 4: Argument from Moral Progress</i> Case Study: Moral Judgments	Study for Test I: The Problems of Ethics  Syllabus Appendix Test I Review Outline  <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/internal.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/internal.html</a>
10.07 R 11	<i>Test I: Problems of Ethics</i>	"Determinism," <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c1551.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c1551.html</a> Work on Position Paper if topic is approved
10.12 T 12	Review of Test I: Problems of Ethics Free Will and Determinism	<i>Quiz 5: Free Will and Determinism</i>  <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c1551.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c1551.html</a>
10.14 R -	Fall Break	Work on Position Paper
10.19 T 13	The Ethics of Socrates Socrates, "The Socratic Paradox" Hedonistic Theories <i>Quiz 5: Free Will and Determinism</i>	<a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/socrates.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/socrates.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c4214.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c4214.html</a>  <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/hedonism.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/hedonism.html</a> <i>Quiz 6: The Socratic Paradox</i>

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10.21 R 14	Socrates continued	
10.26 T 15	Socratic Influence	
10.28 R 16	<i>Quiz 6: Socratic Paradox</i> Class Evaluations	Order and Randomness
11.02 T 17	Psychological Egoism Plato, "The Ring of Gyges" Plato Questions Ethical Egoism Refutation of Egoism	<a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/egoism.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/egoism.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c5884.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c5884.html</a>  <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-gyges.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-gyges.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethical_ego.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethical_ego.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/egoism.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/egoism.html</a> <i>Quiz 7: The Refutation of Psychological Egoism</i>
11.04 R 18	Review for Test II: Personal Ethics <i>Quiz 7: The Refutation of Psychological Egoism</i>	Study for Test II  Edited Syllabus Review Questions Test II
11.09 T 19	<i>Test II: Personal Ethics</i>	Work on Position Paper
11.11 R 20	Utilitarianism Bentham, "Happiness is the Greatest Good"	<a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c6357.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c6357.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-bentham.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-bentham.html</a>  <i>Post Position Paper on Philosophy Forum</i>
11.16 T 21	Kantian Ethics Kant, "Act in Accordance with Universal Law" <i>Position Papers Due Date</i>	<a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/kant.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/kant.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c3612.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c3612.html</a>  <i>Quiz 8: Categorical and Practical Imperative</i> <i>Post Position Paper Comments</i>

Date	Class Topic	Assignment
11.18 T 22	Religious Ethics Stages on Life's Way <i>Quiz 8: Categorical and Practical Imperative</i> <i>Position Paper Comments Due</i>	Kierkegaard, "Truth is Faith" <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c3936.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c3936.html</a>  <i>Quiz 7: Aristotle's Ethics</i>
11.23 T 23	Aristotle Excellence The Good Pleasure <i>Quiz: Aristotle's Ethics</i>	<a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c5574.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c5574.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/aristotle1.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/aristotle1.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/aristotle2.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/aristotle2.html</a> <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-aristotle.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/notes-aristotle.html</a>
11.25 R	Thanksgiving Class does not meet	Comment on 10 position papers
11.30 T 24	Review for Test III: Major Ethical Theories	Study for Test III: Major Ethical Theories  Syllabus Appendix Test III Review Questions
12.02 R 12.07	<i>Test III: Major Ethical Theories</i> Last class meeting Class does not meet	Post make-up questions to Philosophy Forum
12.10 R 25	Class does not meet Review Questions for Make-Up Exams	Study for Approved Make-Up Exams Post make-up questions to Philosophy Forum
12.14 T	Final Examination Period Approved Make-Ups 08:00–10:00 am Section 04	Make-Up Exams Christmas Reading: William James, "What Makes a Life Significant?" <a href="http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c7009.html">http://philosophy.lander.edu/ethics/ethicsbook/c7009.html</a> Have a Great Christmas!