

# National-Louis University

## Master Course Outline

### Catalog Description

**Course Title:** Philosophy of Values and Ethics

**School:** College of Arts and Sciences/Applied Behavioral Sciences

**Credit:** 5 quarter hours

**Prerequisites:** Previous courses in the Applied Behavioral Sciences sequence

Examination of process and criteria for forming and testing values. Study of value experience in cultural and individual contexts; contexts include tradition, scientific inquiry, emotional, and practical concerns. Values are related to ethical obligations.

### Relationship Between this Course and Specific CAS Programs

This is a required course in the Applied Behavioral Sciences program.

### Type of Course and Contact Hours

This course was designed to be used within the Applied Behavioral Sciences program. It consists of five 4-hour classes, for a total of twenty contact hours, with an additional twenty hours of preparation (independent study) required.

### Course Objectives

- ✧ Students will demonstrate knowledge of theoretical principles and skill in applying them to actual cases/situations.
- ✧ Students will demonstrate understanding of pivotal ethical thinker's concepts and writings.
- ✧ Students will demonstrate understanding of crucial criteria to specific decisions and actions, including:
  - a) Agent's motives/intentions
  - b) Binding duty-driven principles
  - c) Consequentialist/utilitarian/theological criteria
  - d) Situational criteria

- ⌘ Students will be able to apply these criteria to topical issues in such areas of inquiry as: medicine-health, business, family life, sexuality, reproduction, legal affairs, and political process.

## Evaluation Methods

- ⌘ In-class contributions based on readings, instructional activities, and experiences.
- ⌘ Written evidence of thoughtful reading of course materials and assignments through reports and a Journal.
- ⌘ Applied Summary Paper that allows students to integrate classroom activities and discussion with life experiences.

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## Bibliography

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Thiroux, Jacques P. (1986 or later). *Ethics: theory and practice*, 8<sup>th</sup> edition. MacMillian Publishing Co., New York, N.Y.

Aristotle, *The Nicomachian ethics*

Hume, David, *Inquiry concerning the principles of morals*.

Johnson, Oliver (Ed.), *Ethics* (Selections: classical and contemporary writers).

Locke, John, *Two treatises of government*

Mill, John Stuart, *On liberty, Utilitarianism*

Milton, John, *Areopagitica* (Against censorship of press).

Plato's *Dialogues: Crito, Apology, Republic*

, Rousseau Jean Jacques, *Social Contract*

Sellars, Wilfried and Hospers, Jno. (Eds.) *Readings: ethical theory*

Sidgwick, Henry, *The methods of ethics*

## Contemporary Selection

### General (\*Especially Significant)

Bowie, G. Lee, and Michaels, Meredith, and Higgins, Kathleen, *Thirteen questions in ethics* (Harcourt Brace Janovich, NY:1992)

Cox, Harvey, Ed. *The situation ethics debate*, (Westminster Press, Phila:1968)

\*Frankena, Wm., K., *Ethics*, (Prentice-hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J.:1963)

Lash, Christopher, *The culture of narcissism*, (W.W. Norton, NY:1978)

\*Rawls, John, *A theory of justice* (Harvard Univ. Press, Cambridge:1971)

Ruggiero, Vincent R., *Thinking critically about ethical issues*, 3<sup>d</sup> ed. (Mayfield Pub. Co., Mountain View, Calif.:1984) \*Barbee uses this readable book as an undergraduate course text.

\*Smolla, Rodney A, *Free speech in an open society* (Random House,-Vintage, NY:1993)

Sommers, Christina and Sommers, Fred, *Vice and virtue in every day life (Introductory readings in ethics)* 3<sup>d</sup> ed. (Harcourt Brace, NY:1993)

White, James, *Contemporary moral problems*, 2d ed. (West Publishing Co., NY:1988)

Yankelovich, Daniel, *New rules (Searching for self-fulfillment in a world turned upside-down)* ((Random House, NY:1981))

### Business

Garrett, Thos. M. and Klonoski, Richard. *Business ethics*, 2<sup>d</sup> ed. (Prentice-Hall, Inc., Englewood Cliffs, N.J.:1986)

Donaldson, Thomas and Werhane, Patricia, eds., *Ethical issues in business (A philosophical*

### Human Services

Corey, G. and Corey, Marriane and Callahan, Patrick, *Issues and ethics in the helping professions*, 2<sup>d</sup> ed. (Brooks/Cole Pub. Co., Monterey, Calif:1984)

### Medical

\*\*Beauchamp et. al., *Principles or biomedical ethics* (Oxford University Press, NY, Oxford:1979)

\*Edwards, Rem and Graber, Glenn C., *Bioethics* (Harcourt Brace Janovich, NY:1988)

\*Macklin, Ruth, *Mortal choices (Ethical dilemmas in modern medicine)* (Houghton Mifflin, Boston:1980)

\*Shannon, Thomas, Ed. *Bioethics* (Paulist Press, Ramsey, NJ:1981)

Veatch, Robt. M., *Case studies in medical ethics*, (Harvard Univ., Cambridge:1977)

## **Multicultural**

May, Larry and Sharratt, Shari, *Applied ethics (A multicultural approach)* (Prentice Hall:1944)