

**THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2015-16
Philosophy 2700F: Introduction to Ethics and Value Theory
Previously Philosophy 201F/G**

**Fall Term 2015
Tuesdays 6 pm -9 pm
Location: Talbot College 343**

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DESCRIPTION

This course provides an introduction to a number of fundamental issues in the field of Ethics. Somewhat perversely, we will start by examining a couple of concepts that are traditionally construed as challenges to morality: egoism and ethical relativism. Egoism opposes morality to

2. Learn and understand the strengths, weaknesses and limitations of the main ethical theories.
3. Learn and understand the arguments that support and challenge the main ethical theories.
4. Reflect on the challenge egoism and relativism pose to standard conceptions of morality.
5. Develop critical reading and writing skills by preparing a critical analysis and a term paper.
6. Be able to critically assess ethical arguments; be able to construct cogent ethical arguments.

REQUIREMENTS

2 in-class tests worth 10% of the grade each
Critical analysis, 4-5 pages, worth 20%
Paper, 7-8 pages, worth 30%
Final exam worth 30% (to be scheduled by Registrar)

AUDIT

Students wishing to audit the course should consult with the instructor prior to or during the first week of classes.

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