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COURSE SCHEDULE

Week One (Sept 14): **Organization and Introduction**

Reading: None

Week Two (Sept 21): **The Ethics of Research on Non-human Animals**

Readings: I. Kant, "Duties towards Animals and Spirits"
 C. Cohen, "The Case for the Use of Animals in Biomedical Research"
 P. Singer, "All Animals are Equal"
 T. Regan, "The Rights of Humans and Other Animals"

Week Three (Sept 28): **The Ethics of Research on Human Embryos**

Readings: D. Marquis, "Why Abortion Is Immoral"
 D. Marquis, "The Moral-Principle Objection to Human Embryonic Stem Cell
 Research"
 S. Holm, "The Ethical Case against Stem Cell Research"
 K. Devolder, "Creating and Sacrificing Embryos for Stem Cells"

Week Four (Oct 5): **Ethics and Ecology**

Readings: A. Leopold, "The Land Ethic"
 A. Leopold, "Thinking Like a Mountain"
 A. Naess, "The Shallow and the Deep, Long-range Ecology Movements"
 A. Naess and G. Sessions, "The Deep Ecology Platform"

Week Five (Oct 12): **Thanksgiving: No Class**

Week Six (Oct 19): **Ethics and Conservation**

Readings: M. Soule, "What is Conservation Biology?"
 P. Kareiva, M. Marvier, and R. Lalasz, "Conservation in the Anthropocene"

Best Chance of the Best Life”
M. Parker, “An Ordinary Chance of a Desirable Existence”

Week Eight (Nov. 2): **Ethics and Agriculture: Guest Lecture by Tony Weis**

Readings: T. Weis, “The Accelerating Biophysical Contradictions of Industrial Capitalist Agriculture”
V. Shiva, “Monocultures of the Mind”

Week Nine (Nov 9): **Ethics and Evolution**

Readings: M. Ruse and E. O. Wilson, “Ethics as Applied Science”
P. Kitcher, “Four Ways of ‘Biologizing’ Ethics”
P. Kitcher, “Precise of The Ethical Project”

Week Ten (Nov 16): **Ethics and Evolution**

Readings: S. Street, “A Darwinian Dilemma for Realist Theories of Value”
T. Nagel, Mind and Cosmos, ch. 5.

Week Eleven (Nov 23): **Ethics and Psychology**

Readings: J. Doris, “Persons, Situations and Virtue Ethics”
A. Appiah, Experiments in Ethics, ch. 2.
J. Greene, “The Secret Joke of Kant’s Soul”

NOTE: Second Essay Assignment is due on Thursday, November 26, 2015.

Week Twelve (Nov 30): **Moral Psychology**

Readings: J. Graham, J Haidt, et al., “Moral Foundations Theory: The Pragmatic Validity of Moral Pluralism”
D. Ketner, A. Kogan, et al. “The Sociocultural Appraisals, Values ad Emotions, (SAVE) Framework of Prosociality: Core Processes from Gene to Meme”

Week Thirteen (Dec 7): **Science and Democracy**

Reading: P. Feyerabend, “How to Defend Society Against Science”
P. Kitcher, Science in a Democratic Society, ch. 1
M. Roirdan, “No Time for Cowards: The Fight for Science and Democracy”

REQUIREMENTS

Your grade for this course will be based on two essays, class participation and a final exam. The first paper is worth 25% of your final grade, the second paper is worth 35% of your final grade, participation is worth 10% of your final grade and the exam is worth 30% of your final grade.

1. Essay

Due date: Thursday, October 15, 2015
Length: No more than 1500 words
Value: 25% of final grade

2. Essay

Due date: Thursday, November 26, 2015
Length: No more than 2500 words
Value: 35% of final grade

3. Participation

Value: 10% of final grade

4. Final Exam

When: To be determined by the Office of the Registrar
Length: Three hours
Value: 30% of final grade
Format:

3. Extensions

Exceptions to the above work submission dates may be granted only as a result of petition to the Academic Counselor of the student's faculty. **Instructors have no authority to waive this requirement, and any unofficial arrangements they make with students will not be respected by the administration.**

All course work (with the exception of final examinations) must be submitted by the last day of classes.

Academic policies on examinations, appeals, absences due to illness, etc. may be found in the 2015-16 Academic Calendar. For further information, contact the Philosophy Undergraduate Counselor, Professor Andrew Botterell, Stevenson Hall 3140, 519-661-2111, ext. 85758, your Faculty's Academic Counselor or the Ombudsperson.

4. Late essays and penalties

An essay will be considered late if it is handed in after the due date without a prearranged extension (or after the extended date, in the case of an extension). Late essays will be penalized at the rate of **three** percentage points per day late. Essays more than ten days late will not be accepted.

5. Plagiarism

Plagiarism is a form of cheating. Plagiarism is unacknowledged copying or paraphrasing of the words or ideas of another person. In general, anyone who learns something from a source (other than course lectures or general background knowledge any student of the course could reasonably be expected to have) and then presents that knowledge as their own discovery is considered to have plagiarized, even if the words used to express the ideas are not exactly the same.

Examples of plagiarism include: misrepresenting co-authored or group work as individually

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with such concerns or questions during our office hours **only**. If you have a problem turning in an assignment on time or you need to make an appointment with one of us or you have some private issue you would like to communicate to us, feel free to use e-mail.