

THE UNIVERSITY OF WESTERN ONTARIO
DEPARTMENT OF PHILOSOPHY
Undergraduate Course Outline 2017-2018
Fall 2017
Philosophy 3710F: Meta-Ethics

Class Times: Tues. 3:30-4:30 & Thurs. 3:30-5:30	Office Location: Stevenson Hall 4126
Location: P&AB, room 150	Office Hours: Tues 4:30-5:30 & Thurs 5:30 – 6:30
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COURSE DESCRIPTION

This course is designed to introduce students to some of the main problems and approaches in contempora

READING SCHEDULE

Week One (September 7th): Organization and Introduction

Required Readings: none

Week Two (September 12th and 14th): The Naturalistic Fallacy

Required Readings: Moore, Principia Ethica, §§ 1-17
Frankena, "The Naturalistic Fallacy"

Week Three (September 19th and 21st): The Naturalistic Fallacy

Required Reading: Thomson, "Goodness and Utilitarianism"

Week Four (September 26th and 28th): Expressivism

Required Readings: Ayer, Language, Truth, and Logic, ch. 6
Stevenson, "The Emotive Meaning of Ethical Terms"

Optional Reading: van Roojen, "Moral Cognitivism vs. Non-Cognitivism" (on

Week Nine (October 31st and November 2nd): **Ethics and Evolution**

Required Readings: Street, "A Darwinian Dilemma for Realist Theories of Value"

Week Ten (November 7th and 9th): **Ethics and Evolution**

Required Reading: de Lazari-Radek and Singer, "The Objectivity of Ethics and the Unity of Practical Reason"

NOTE: Second

All course work must be submitted by the last day of classes, i.e., Friday December 8th

