

## **COURSE SYLLABUS**

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COURSE: PHI 240 INTRODUCTION TO ETHICS

**HOURS:** Lecture: <u>3</u> Lab/Shop: <u>0</u> Work Exp/Clinical: <u>0</u> Credits: <u>3</u>

## COURSE DESCRIPTION:

This course introduces theories about the nature and foundations of moral judgments and applications to contemporary moral issues. Emphasis is placed on moral theories such as consequentialism, deontology, and virtue ethics. Upon completion, student should be able to apply various ethical theories to moral issues such as abortion, capital punishment, poverty, war, terrorism, the treatment of animals, and issues arising from new technologies.

Note: In accordance with the Comprehensive Articulation Agreement, this course has been approved to satisfy the Universal General Education Transfer Component requirement for humanities/fine arts in A.A. and A.S. degree programs. This course has been approved to meet the humanities/fine arts requirement in A.A.S. degree programs.

PREREQUISITE(S): ENG 111

COREQUISITE(S): NONE

## **TEXTBOOK(S) & OTHER SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Open Educational Resources (OER) are listed in the course Moodle.

## STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES:

Upon successful completion of this course, the student will be able to:

- 1. Understand basic concepts, terms, and theories associated with the study of ethics.
- 2. Articulate the importance of respecting diverse perspectives on culturally-sensitive moral issues.
- 3. Analyze current trends, changes, and issues from various ethical systems.
- 4. Develop a moral framework for ethical reasoning.
- 5. Demonstrate theoretical support for one's own ethical views in personal and business life.

\*\*\*Please refer to the online version of the Richmond Community College Program & Course Catalog and the Student Handbook for current academic and general information.