

PHIL-208H: HONORS SOCIAL JUSTICE

Cuyahoga Community College

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Subject Code

PHIL - Philosophy

Course Number:

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Title:

Honors Social Justice

Catalog Description:

An advanced intensive study of systems and problems of human conduct with practical application and decision making components. Emphasis on an in-depth study of primary sources within philosophical tradition. Prepares students for further work in philosophy, applied ethics, and any area of learning requiring reasoned views. Participants will select a theme that addresses questions of social justice and civic responsibility. Mentor supported, student-directed study, seminars and excursions will serve as basis for examination of the chosen theme. Students will create theme-related project proposals for eventual presentation.

Credit Hour(s):

3

Lecture Hour(s):

3

Requisites

Prerequisite and Corequisite

ENG-101H Honors College Composition I; or ENG-1010 College Composition I with grade of "B" or higher; or departmental approval: 3.5 GPA.

Outcomes

Course Outcome(s):

Analyze and defend/support major moral theories.

Objective(s):

1. Compare and relate social contract theories of Thomas Hobbes, John Locke, and John Rawls.
2. Classify and explain basic theories of justice.
3. Illustrate and summarize the theories of justice for Confucius, Plato, and Aristotle.
4. Explain the major components of applied ethics and social justice.
5. Illustrate the basic tenets of ethics and explain their basis in a cultural context.
6. Extend, relate, and rephrase issues of justice as fairness, rights and liberties, equal opportunity, issues of law vs. duty, allocation of resources, public/private interest, personal freedom, civil disobedience, and charity and efficiency.

Course Outcome(s):

Develop a final project that is both feasible and a significant contribution to a discipline and/or the larger community.

Essential Learning Outcome Mapping:

Written Communication: Demonstrate effective written communication for an intended audience that follows genre/disciplinary conventions that reflect clarity, organization, and editing skills.

Objective(s):

1. Identify and illustrate a social issue to address as a major research project.
 2. Summarize speaker and informational sessions.
 3. Construct a proposal to successfully implement project objective.
 4. Model effective collaboration with others in creative and educational pursuits.
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Methods of Evaluation:

1. Minimum of two examinations
2. Directed research
3. Oral Presentations (individual and group)
4. Class participation
5. Discussion board posting and participation
6. Panel discussions
7. Produce project proposal
8. Attendance/punctuality
9. Speaker event participation
10. Field work and/excursions
11. Midpoint quizzes

Course Content Outline:

1. Introduction to ethical theories
 - a. What is justice?
 - b. Social justice
 - c. Economic justice
 - d. Distributive justice
 - i. Process
 - ii. End state
 - e. Retributive justice
2. Classical theories of society
 - a. Confucius: Virtue ethics
 - b. Plato: Ideal republic
 - c. Aristotle
 - i. Politics
 - ii. Virtue ethics
 - iii. Teleological theory
 - iv. Natural law
3. Applied Political, ethical and social philosophy
 - a. Thomas Hobbes
 - b. John Locke
 - i. Civil government
 - ii. Social contract
 - iii. The American Constitution
 - iv. Natural rights
 - c. Jean-Jacques Rousseau: Social contract theory
 - d. John Stuart Mill
 - i. Liberty
 - ii. Act utilitarianism
 - e. Karl Marx and Friedrich Engel: The Communist manifesto
 - f. W.D. Ross: "Prima Facie Duty"
 - g. Friedrich Nietzsche: "Beyond Good and Evil"
 - h. Henry David Thoreau: "Civil Disobedience"
 - i. John Rawls: Theory of justice/justice as fairness
 - j. Martin Luther King: Letter from Birmingham jail
 - k. Albert Camus: "The Guest"
 - l. Elizabeth H. Wolgast: "The Grammar of Justice"
4. Political and economic theories

- a. Libertarianism
 - b. Capitalism
 - c. Socialism
 - d. Communism
 - e. Modern Liberalism
 - f. Communitarianism
5. Introduction to major moral principles
- a. Justice (as fairness)
 - b. Beneficence
 - c. Equality
 - d. Nonmaleficence
 - e. Utility
 - f. Self-improvement
 - g. Gratitude
 - h. Reparation
 - i. Fidelity
 - j. Autonomy
 - k. Veracity
 - l. Utility
 - m. The principle of double effect
6. Addressing a model of ethical decision-making
- a. Egoism
 - b. Relativism
 - c. Utilitarianism
 - i. Act utilitarianism
 - ii. Rule utilitarianism
 - iii. Preference utilitarianism
 - d. Duties: Actual vs. Prima Facie
 - e. Kantianism
 - i. Categorical Imperative
 - ii. 1st and 2nd formulations
 - iii. Hypothetical imperative
 - f. Existentialism vs. essentialism
 - g. Marxism

Resources

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Resources Other

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