

CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES – COURSE SCHEDULE

Instructor Information

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Student Hours: by appointment, in person or virtually (Zoom)

Required Reading

There is nothing you need to purchase for this course. All required material will be posted to Canvas as Adobe Acrobat files (PDFs) or as hyperlinks to blogs, articles, books, videos, or other content.

Right to Modify and Amend Course Work Schedule

Your instructor reserves the right to replace, modify, or amend this course work schedule at any time or times. In such instances, he will ensure that any substantive changes are announced and applied in an evenhanded manner so as to ensure an optimal learning experience and outcome for every student.

WEEKS 1-2 (Aug 24-Sept 5) MORAL REASONING

8/25 Course Intro

8/27 Morrow, 2-18

Quiz 1 due 8/30 at 11:59 PM

9/1 Morrow, 19-23, 26-33

9/3 Morrow, 35-44

Morrow, “Tips on Reading Philosophy” 162-63

Quiz 2 due 9/6 at 11:59 PM

WEEKS 3-4 (Sept 6-19) CONSUMERISM

9/8 Higgs, “[A Brief History of Consumer Culture](#)”

9/10 Baudrillard, *The Consumer Society: Myths & Structures*, 25-30

Quiz 3 due 9/13 at 11:59 PM

9/15 Baudrillard, *The Consumer Society: Myths & Structures*, 31-36

9/17 Baudrillard, *The Consumer Society: Myths & Structures*, 37-47

Quiz 4 due 9/20 at 11:59 PM

WEEKS 5-6 (Sept 20-Oct 3) ENVIRONMENTAL ETHICS

Our text for this segment, *Environmental Ethics: A Very Short Introduction*, is available both [digitally](#) through the BGSU library (see the links, below) and in used hard copy.

9/22 Attfield, *Environmental Ethics* [Ch. 1](#)

9/24 Attfield, *Environmental Ethics* [Ch. 2](#) 13-28

Quiz 5 due 9/27 at 11:59 PM

9/29 Attfield, *Environmental Ethics* [Ch. 3](#) 29-35

10/1 Attfield, *Environmental Ethics* Ch. 3 (cont.), [Ch. 4](#) 36-53

Quiz 6 due 10/4 at 11:59 PM

WEEKS 7-8 (Oct 4-17) ANIMAL ETHICS

10/6 NO CLASS (Fall Break)

10/8 Gruen, *Why Animals Matter*, 1-6, 22-44

Quiz 7 due 10/11 at 11:59 PM

10/13 Gruen, *Why Animals Matter*, 81-83, 100-105

10/15 Gruen, *Why Animals Matter*, 106-113

. Watch interview with Peter Singer, "[Is it okay to eat meat?](#)"

Quiz 8 due 10/18 at 11:59 PM

WEEKS 9-10 (Oct 18-31) IMMIGRATION

Our texts for this segment come from the 3rd edition of Mark Timmons' *Disputed Moral Issues: A Reader*.

10/20 Timmons, "The Ethics of Immigration" 276-78

10/22 Carens, "Migration and Morality" 294-308

Quiz 9 due 10/25 at 11:59 PM

10/27 Wellman, "Immigration and Freedom of Assn" 309-25

10/29 Wellman, cont.

Quiz 10 due 11/1 at 11:59 PM

WEEKS 11-12 (Nov 1-14) ABORTION

WEEKS 13-14 (Nov 15-28) DIGITAL ETHICS & GENERAL REVIEW

WEEK 15 (Nov 29-Dec 5) OPEN/GENERAL REVIEW

Term Paper due 11:59 PM on Friday, 12/4

WEEK 16 (Dec 6-12) FINALS WEEK

Final Exam is due at 11:59 PM on Friday, 12/11.

This will be an open-note, open-book, online exam. I will post the exam to Canvas at 8 AM on Monday, 12/7. This final exam will test your knowledge of the course material as a whole.