

The Hebrew University of Jerusalem

Syllabus

Introduction to Ethics & Political Philosophy - Part A - 15100

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HU Credits: 2

Degree/Cycle: 1st degree (Bachelor)

Responsible Department: Philosophy

Academic year: 0

Semester: 1st Semester

Teaching Languages: Hebrew

Campus: Mt. Scopus

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Teaching Staff:

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Course/Module description:

How should I act? What is the good life? The first part of the course will be dedicated to the study of the central theories of normative ethics that sought to address such questions: virtue theory, deontology and consequentialism.

Course/Module aims:

To understand the common basic ambition of the central ethical theories, and the ways in which they attempt to meet it.

Learning outcomes - On successful completion of this module, students should be able to:

To define the central questions in contemporary normative ethics. To understand their theoretical and practical implications, and to critically evaluate the arguments for each position.

Attendance requirements(%):

100%

Teaching arrangement and method of instruction: lecture

Course/Module Content:

Normative Ethics: Consequentialism, Deontology, Virtue ethics.

Required Reading:

Aristotle, Nicomachean Ethics

I. Kant, Groundwork for a Metaphysics of Morals

J.S. Mill, Utilitarianism

J. Bentham, "Of the principle of utility", in Principles of Moral Legislation pp. 14-18.

Additional Reading Material:

TBA

Grading Scheme:

Written / Oral / Practical Exam 100 %

Additional information:

none