



# *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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*Coordinator Office Hours: By appointment*

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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.*

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Additional Reading Material:  
TBA

Grading Scheme:

Additional information:  
none