



Alabama Community College System

PHL 206 Ethics and Society

I. PHL 206 Ethics and Society—3 Semester Hours

II. Course Description

This course involves the study of ethical issues which confront individuals in contemporary society. The focus is on meta-ethics, normative ethics, and applied ethics. The student should be able to understand and be prepared to use moral reasoning in making decisions regarding ethical issues.

III. Prerequisite

As required by program

IV. Textbook

Due to the varied selection of quality college-level textbooks, each college will select the textbook needed to meet the requirements of this course.

V. Course Learning Outcomes

Upon successful completion of the course, the student should be able to demonstrate the use of critical thinking skills through the following outcomes:

1. Describe ethical frameworks and apply them to contemporary moral issues.
2. Analyze, evaluate, and construct moral arguments.
3. Apply, explain, and evaluate the appropriateness of ethical theories for making ethical choices and value decisions.
4. Apply moral reasoning skills to understand a variety of moral disagreements and propose solutions to them.
5. Compare and contrast the contributions of philosophers in the context of applied ethics.

VI. Course Outline of Topics

1. Meta-ethics
2. Normative ethics
 - a. Consequentialism
 - b. Deontology
 - c. Virtue Ethics
3. Applied Ethics

VII. Evaluation and Assessment

Grades will be given based upon A = 90 – 100%, B = 80 – 89%, C = 70 – 79%, D = 60 – 69%, and F = below 60%.

VIII. Attendance

Students are expected to attend all classes for which they are registered. Students who are unable to attend class regularly, regardless of the reason or circumstance, should withdraw from that class before poor attendance interferes with the student's ability to achieve the objectives required in the course. Withdrawal from class can affect eligibility for federal financial aid.

IX. Statement on Discrimination/Harassment

It is the official policy of the Alabama Community College System and entities under its control, including all Colleges, that no person shall be discriminated against on the basis of any impermissible criterion or characteristic, including, without limitation, race, color, national origin, religion, marital status, disability, sex, age, or any other protected class as defined by federal and state law. (ACCS Policies 601.02 and 800.00)

X. Americans with Disabilities

The Rehabilitation Act of 1973 (Section 504) and the *Americans with Disabilities Act* of 1990 state that qualified students with disabilities who meet the essential functions and academic requirements are entitled to reasonable accommodations. It is the student's responsibility to provide appropriate disability documentation to the College.