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Philosophy 200
Ethics
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Texts: reading selection in order of assignment:
1. Five Dialogues, Plato
   "Apology", "Euthyphro", "Meno"

2. Nicomachean Ethics, Aristotle
   Book I, chapters 1-5, 10-13
   Book II, chapters 1, 4-9
   Book III, chapters 1, 6-7
   Book IV, chapters 1, 5-6
   Book VII, chapters 1, 6-7
   Book X, chapters 6-10

3. Fac Pac, excerpts from Descartes' "Discourse On Method"

4. Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals, Kant

5. Utilitarianism, J. S. Mill

6. The Book of Job, Mitchell

7. Narrative of the Life of Frederick Douglass, Frederick Douglass

8. Fac Pac, readings from C.P. Gilman, John Rawls, and Peter Singer.

In addition, one or two films will be shown and discussed, and will figure significantly in the content of the course.

Course requirements
1. Periodic examinations totaling about 2/3 of the grade. The lowest score will be dropped - if at least 4 exams are given prior to the final; otherwise, all exams will count. Most questions will be short essay questions.
2. A comprehensive final exam (essay questions); worth approximately 1/3 of the grade.
3. Students are expected to be present on the day of the exam.
   Also, please respect the people around you during class; do not carry on private conversations, or cause disruptions by late arrivals, early departures - etc.

Pass/not-pass registrants must receive a letter grade of C- or better to pass.