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PHIL 200E.03: Ethics - The Great Traditions

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Philosophy 200E  
Section 3  
Ethics: The Great Traditions  
Fall 2000

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Class Times: TR 2:10-3:30
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Texts
- Faculty Packet [FacPac] containing:

Requirements
- **Readings**: The readings are short but difficult. You should read each assignment at least once before class and twice afterwards. Always bring the text to class.

- **Quizzes (75% of grade)**: There will be 6 quizzes - approximately one every other week beginning the third week of the semester. Each quiz will consist of 5 short-answer questions worth 4 points each, for a total of 20 possible points. Quiz grades will be calculated as follows:
  
  \[20-18 = A, \quad 17-13 = B, \quad 12-8 = C, \quad 7-5 = D, \quad 4-0 = F.\]

  If you miss a quiz you will receive an F for that quiz. Exceptions will be made only for medical reasons (with a written statement from a physician) or family emergencies.

  Note that quizzes will be given on specified dates (see p.2) regardless of what readings have been covered by that date.

- **Final Exam (25% of grade)**: The final exam will consist of 10 short-answer questions: 5 questions drawn from previous quizzes and 5 new questions covering material from the last 2 weeks of class.

  *The Final Exam is scheduled for Wed., Dec. 20th, 3:20-5:20.*
Reading Schedule (subject to change)

Introduction

09/05 Introduction to the Study of Ethics (No Reading)
09/07 Introduction to the Structure of Ethical Theories (No Reading)

Part I: Consequentialism

09/12 Bentham, IPML, Ch. I, (pp. 1-7) FacPac
09/14 Bentham, IPML, Ch. II, (pp. 8-23) FacPac
*Quiz* 09/19 Bentham, IPML, Ch. III, (pp. 24-28) FacPac
09/21 Bentham, IPML, Ch. IV, (pp. 29-32) FacPac
09/26 Mill, Utilitarianism, Ch. 1 (pp. 1-5)
09/28 Mill, Utilitarianism, Ch. 2 (pp. 6-16)
*Quiz* 10/03 Mill, Utilitarianism, Ch. 2 (pp. 16-25)
10/05 Mill, Utilitarianism, Ch. 3 (pp. 26-33)
10/10 Mill, Utilitarianism, Ch. 4 (pp. 34-40)
10/12 Mill, Utilitarianism, Ch. 5 (pp. 41-63)
*Quiz* 10/17 Rawls, Two Concepts of Rules, Sec.1, 2 (pp. 3-18) FacPac
10/19 Rawls, Two Concepts of Rules, Sec.3, 4 (pp.18-32) FacPac

Part II: Deontology

10/24 Ross, What Makes Right Acts Right?, (pp. 16-47) FacPac
10/26 Kant, Grounding, Preface (pp. 1-5)
*Quiz* 10/31 Kant, Grounding, Sec. 1 (pp. 7-17)
11/02 Kant, Grounding, Sec. 2 (pp. 19-30)
11/07 No Class (Election Day)
11/09 Kant, Grounding, Sec. 2 (pp. 30-48)

Part III: Virtue Ethics

*Quiz* 11/14 Aristotle, NE, Bk. I (pp. 1-19)
11/16 Aristotle, NE, Bk. II (pp. 20-33)
11/21 Aristotle, NE, Bk. III (pp. 34-55)
11/23 No Class (Thanksgiving)
11/28 Aristotle, NE, Bk. VI (pp. 98-114)
11/30 Aristotle, NE, Bk. VII (pp. 115-137)
*Quiz* 12/05 Aristotle, NE, Bk. X (pp. 179-199)
12/07 Williams, ELP, Ch. 8 (pp.132-155)
12/12 Williams, ELP, Ch. 9 (pp.156-173)
12/14 Williams, ELP, Ch.10 (pp.174-196)