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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**

- Aristotle (4th c. BC). *Nicomachean Ethics*[NE]. Trans. D.Chase, NY: Dover 1998.
- Immanuel Kant (1785). *Grounding for the Metaphysics of Morals* [Grounding]. Trans. J. Ellington, Indianapolis: Hackett, 3rd ed., 1993.
- John Stuart Mill (1861). *Utilitarianism*. Indianapolis: Hackett 1979.
- Bernard Williams (1985). *Ethics and the Limits of Philosophy* [ELP]. Cambridge, MA: Harvard University Press.
- *Faculty Packet* [FacPac] containing:
  - Jeremy Bentham (1789). from *An Introduction to the Principles of Morals and Legislation* [IPML]. Darien, CT: Hafner 1970, pp. 1-32.
  - John Rawls (1955). Two Concepts of Rules. *Philosophical Review*, LXIV(1), 369, pp. 3-32.
  - W.D. Ross (1930). What Makes Right Acts Right? In *The Right and the Good*, London: Oxford University Press, pp.16-47.

**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, 17-13 = B, 12-8 = C, 7-5 = D, 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)