**Ethics**

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**Course Requirements:**

*Class Attendance*: Class attendance is required and will make up 10% of your grade. I will take attendance every day. You may miss class three times with no effect on your attendance grade. Each subsequent absence will lower your attendance grade by 30 points. There are 100 possible attendance points.

*Class Participation:* Class participation is required and will make up 10% of your grade. Roughly speaking, those who actively participate in each class will receive an A for class participation. Those who speak in more classes than not will receive a B. Those who occasionally participate in class discussion will receive a C. Those who rarely participate will receive a D. And those who never participate will receive an F. You are expected to come prepared to class. This means having done the reading and having spent time developing answers to the reading questions. If I call on you and it is clear that you are not prepared, this will be noted and will negatively affect your participation grade.

*Quizzes:* Over the course of the quarter there will be three open book, open notes, take-home quizzes. The questions on the quizzes will directly reflect the concepts and ideas discussed in class and in the readings. Your quiz average will make up 45% of your final grade. Late quizzes will be marked down 1/3 of a grade (e.g., from a B- to C+) for every day they are late. Quizzes are considered a day late if they are not handed in within the first five minutes of class on the day that they are due.

Quiz schedule:

Quiz # Questions posted on iLearn Due at the beginning of class

#1 Oct. 13th Oct. 17th

#2 Nov. 3rd Nov. 7th

#3 Nov. 30th Dec. 4th

*Exam:*  There will be a final exam worth 35 % of your grade.

*Academic Integrity:*  I expect you to act with Academic Integrity. For details visit

*http://conduct.ucr.edu/policies/academicintegrity.html*

**Reading Assignments**

Up-to-date reading assignments will be posted on ilearn under assignments. The assignment will include *reading question*s to help guide your reading. All readings are available on iLearn under course materials.

**Sept. 28th Introduction**

**UNIT ONE: PRELIMINARIES**

**Oct. 3rd** “The Challenge of Cultural Relativism”

**Oct. 5th**  “Divine Command Theory”

**UNIT TWO: CONSEQUENTIALISM**

**Oct. 10th -17th**  “The Gift*”* & “Objections to Utilitarianism”

**Oct. 24th**  Mill*, Utilitarianism,* Chapter 5

**UNIT THREE: DEONTOLOGY**

**Oct. 26th – Nov. 2nd**  “A Simplified Account of Kant’s Ethics”

Kant, *Groundwork of the Metaphysics of Morals,* preface, section 1 & section 2

**Nov. 7th & 9th** “Kantian Beneficence and the Problem of Obligatory Aid”

**Nov. 14th** “A Right to Self Determination?”

**UNIT FOUR: VIRTUE ETHICS**

**Nov. 16th – 28th** Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics,* selections

**Nov. 30th**  Aristotle on Friendship

**Dec. 5th & 7th**  Catch up and review for final

**Final exam**: Dec. 15th at 3pm