

**CAPILANO UNIVERSITY  
COURSE OUTLINE**

**TERM:** Effective Fall 2013

**COURSE NO:** PHIL 401

**INSTRUCTOR:**

**COURSE NAME:** MORALITY AND  
GLOBAL JUSTICE

**OFFICE:**

**LOCAL:**

**SECTIONS NO:**

**E-MAIL:**

**COURSE FORMAT:** Three hours of class time, with an additional hour delivered through on-line or other activities, for 15 weeks, which includes two weeks for final exams.

**COURSE PREREQUISITES:** 45 credits of 100 level or higher coursework, including 6 credits of PHIL coursework.

**COURSE DESCRIPTION:** This course will cover a wide range of topics in the field of Morality and Global Justice with the view to assisting students to develop the ability to identify and critically analyze moral problems in that field, and to clarify their own values in relation to specific ethical issues.

**LEARNING OUTCOMES:** Upon successful completion of this course, students will be able to:

- demonstrate understanding and appropriate application of the philosophical tools that can be brought to bear on issues of global justice
- apply the relevant normative principles and theories to issues such as poverty and the global economy, global health, religion, war, justice for women and duties to children.

Assessment of these outcomes will be made through weekly quizzes on the weekly assigned readings, two term papers and one co-operative class presentation.

**REQUIRED TEXTS:** Boylan, Michael. *The Morality and Global Justice Reader*. Boulder, Colorado: Westview Press, 2011.

## **COURSE CONTENT**

### **Week 1: INTRODUCTION**

#### **Week: Normative Principles**

Quiz 1

Churchill, Robert Paul. "Global Human Rights."

Gordon, John-Stewart. "On Justifying Human Rights."  
 Kirsch, Julie, E. "When is Ignorance Morally Objectionable?"

### **Week 3: Normative Theories**

Quiz 2

Lillehammer, Hallvard. "Consequentialism and Global Ethics."  
 Illies, Christian. "How to Think About Global Duties."  
 Teays, Wanda. "The Ethics of Otherness."

### **Week 4: Poverty and the Global Economy**

Quiz 3

Miller, Seumas. "Collective Responsibility and Global Poverty."  
 Boylan, Michael. "Building Wealth and the Conditional Cash Transfers."

### **Week 5: Poverty and the Global Economy**

Quiz 4

Steigeleder, Klaus. "Ethics and Global Finance."  
 Hsieh, Nien-He. "Global Business and Global Justice."

### **Week 6: Global Health**

#### **Essay 1 due**

Quiz 5

Selgelid, Michael J. "Global Health Justice."  
 Schroeder, D., Pogge, T. Singer, P. "Access to Life-Saving Medicines."

### **Week 7: Religion**

Quiz 6

Purdy, Laura. "What Price Theocracy?"  
 Donahue, James A. "Global Ethics in the Academy."

### **Week 8: War**

Quiz 7

Cummiskey, David. "The Law of Peoples."  
 Palmer-Fernandez, Gabriel. "Cosmopolitan Revisions of Just War."

### **Week 9: Justice for women**

Quiz 8

Tong, Rosemarie. "Women on the Move."  
 Giordano, Simona. "Gender and Sex Development."

### **Week 10: Duties to Children**

Quiz 9.

Boylan, Michael. "Duties to Children."

### **Week 11: Class Presentations**

**Week 12: Class Presentations****Week 13: Wrap up****Final Essay due**

Final comments with regard to change of attitudes with respect to topics discussed in class.

**Week 14 and 15: Final Exam period**

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**EVALUATION PROFILE**

Quizzes: (9 count)	= 50%
Class presentation:	= 10%
Term Papers: 15% and 25%	= 40%
Total:	= 100%

**GRADING PROFILE**

A+	90-100%	B+	77-79%	C+	67-69%	D	50-59%
A	85-89%	B	73-76%	C	63-66%	F	0-49%
A-	80-84%	B-	70-72%	C-	60-62%		

**ASSIGNMENTS**

There will be 10 quizzes each worth 5 marks. The lowest mark will be dropped, and the highest mark will be doubled for a total of 50 marks. Since only the top 9 quizzes will count, no make-up quizzes will be allowed. Each student must participate in one class presentation that is to last no longer than 10 minutes, followed by a class discussion. Class presentations are worth 10 marks. There will be two term papers, each approximately 1000 words. The first is worth 15% and the second is worth 25%. **Note: it is strongly suggested that students have thesis statements approved before writing even the draft. If a thesis statement is not pre-approved, the student risks the possibility of getting 0 for the assignment. It is also strongly suggested that students have an essay outline approved as well.**

**RETURN OF ASSIGNMENTS**

First term paper will be returned the week after submission. The final term paper will be returned after the exam period. The final term paper must be submitted in person: absolutely no assignments will be accepted via e-mail.

**OPERATIONAL DETAILS**

Capilano University has policies on Academic Appeals (including appeal of final grades), Student Conduct, Cheating and Plagiarism, Academic Probation and other educational issues. These and other policies are available on the University website.

**Attendance:** Regular attendance is expected. Students are responsible for the material covered in class during any absence. This includes not only the specific material covered, but, as well, various announcements, and information with regard to times of tests and deadlines for assignments.

**Late Assignments:** One mark per day will be subtracted from late assignments (this includes weekends).

**Missed Exams:** Make-up tests are given at the discretion of the instructor. They are generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crisis. Students should be prepared to provide proof of inability to write the test on the scheduled date (e.g. letter from doctor).

**English Usage:** It is the responsibility of students to proof-read all written work for any grammatical, spelling and stylistic errors. Marks will be deducted for incorrect grammar and spelling in written assignments.

**Plagiarism:** Intentional plagiarism will result in zero for this course. Papers must be **unique** to this course. The instructor reserves the right to request evidence that the submitted work is unique. Hence, all preliminary drafts should be kept.

**Incomplete Grades:** Given at the discretion of the instructor. Generally given only in medical emergencies or severe personal crises.

**Electronic Devices:** No personal electronic devices (cell phones, pagers, calculators, electronic dictionaries, etc...) may be used during an examination without prior approval from the instructor. During an exam, turn off all cell phones and pagers and remove them from the desk.

**Emergency Procedures:** Students are expected to familiarize themselves with the emergency procedures posted on the wall of the classroom.