ADVANCED ETHICS
PHIL 142
University of California, Santa Cruz
Philosophy Department
Summer 2017

Seminar: Tuesdays and Thursdays 1:00-4:30 PM
Humanities and Social Sciences 350

Instructor

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Course Description

An examination of central issues in ethical theory, including the nature of and justification for the moral point of view, the place of reason in ethics, the status of moral principles, and the nature of moral experience. These central topics will be examined through a close, complete reading of two of Friedrich Nietzsche’s important texts: Beyond Good and Evil and The Gay Science. In these texts, we will encounter Nietzsche’s historically based critique of traditional morality, investigate the role of aesthetic values in formulating ethical frameworks, and ponder how our conceptions of philosophy more generally should direct our inquiry into ethical theory. Through this exploration, this course aims to engender critical reflection on our own assumptions about the nature of morality.

Required Texts


Course Requirements

1. Two Short Papers (50% of grade; each paper is 25% of grade)
   - Minimum 1500 words; Maximum 2000 words.
   - Prompt and writing guidelines can be found on Google Classroom.
   - Due Dates: August 19 and September 3 by 11:59 PM.

2. Participation (25% of grade)
   - Attendance is mandatory for seminar. Given that summer session classes are only five
     weeks, attendance in every class is necessary to keep with the material in order to be well
     prepared for the papers. More than one unexcused absence will result in the loss of the
     entire participation grade.
   - Active, consistent participation in class discussions is necessary to receive full credit for
     the participation grade.
   - The use of cell phones, computers, tablets, or other electronic devices for non-DRC
     related purposes will result in the loss of the entire participation grade.

3. Journal Entries and Discussion Questions (25% of grade)
   - Each student will complete journal entries for the assigned reading for each class session.
     Journal entries need to demonstrate critical reflection and engagement with the readings.
   - Along with journal entries, each student must submit discussion questions for each class
     session that are inspired by or related to the readings for that class session.

Other Course Policies

- **Lateness policy**: Late assignments and make-up presentations are *not* allowed, except
  for documented emergencies/illness, DRC accommodations, or conflicts with religious
  observance. Please notify the instructor in advance of your need for an exception to course
deadlines and attendance requirements.

- **Email policy**: Please direct any questions you may have regarding assignments,
evaluative feedback, or administrative concerns to the instructor. Note regarding all
email correspondence: Please be kind and considerate. Because substantive
philosophical questions about readings, arguments, or ideas often require back and forth
discussion, they are best answered in person—during office hours, or class discussion.

  - When sending an email include “PHIL 142” in the subject line. As I receive
    many emails from different offices and organizations on campus on a daily basis,
    I have created a filter for emails containing “PHIL 142,” so that I may get to
    student emails quicker.

- **Students with diverse learning styles and needs are welcome in this course!** If you
  qualify for classroom accommodations because of a disability, please submit your
  Accommodation Authorization Letter from the Disability Resource Center (DRC) to me
  after class or during my office hours, preferably within the first week of the Summer
  session. The sooner you let me know your situation, the sooner I can assist you. Contact
  DRC at 831-459-2089 or by email at drc@ucsc.edu. For more information please visit

- **Plagiarism policy**: You are responsible for being familiar with UCSC’s policies on
academic honesty (http://www1.ucsc.edu/academics/academic_integrity/index.html). Proper sourcing and good scholarship are expected. Plagiarism is a serious academic offense and will not be tolerated. Plagiarism will be handled on a case-by-case basis. If you have any questions or concerns about how to avoid plagiarism and ensure the originality of your work, please ask us.

- UCLA has helpful tips on avoiding plagiarism:
  http://unitproj.library.ucla.edu/col/bruinsuccess/
- “How Not to Plagiarize”:

**Summer Session Key Dates**

Monday, August 7 – Drop Deadline
Friday, August 11 – Deadline to Change Grade Option
Friday, August 18 – Withdrawal Deadline

**Discussion and Reading Schedule (tentative and subject to change)**

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