

**JAMESTOWN COMMUNITY COLLEGE**  
**State University of New York**

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**INSTITUTIONAL COURSE SYLLABUS**

**Course Title:** Intro to Ethical Theory

**Course Abbreviation and Number:** PHL 2610

**Credit Hours:** 3

**Course Type:** Lecture

**Course Description:** Students will acquire an understanding of basic ethical theories as expressed by major ethicists. Students will develop an appreciation of the complexities and implications of basic moral concepts such as responsibility, duty, character, and the good life.

Prerequisite: ENG 1530.

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**Student Learning Outcomes:**

Students who demonstrate understanding can:

1. List and describe a variety of basic ethical theories
  2. Analyze various approaches to moral problems based on diverse ethical perspectives
  3. Write argumentative essays of varying lengths on different issues in ethical theory
  4. Discuss specific ethical issues in written and oral discourse
  5. Distinguish a variety of ethical perspectives including (but not limited to) relativism, utilitarianism, egoism, pragmatism, etc.
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**Topics Covered:**

- Various Ethical Theories:
    - relativism
    - egoism
    - utilitarianism
    - duty-based theory
    - virtue-based Theory
  - feminist Ethics
  - Metaethical Questions
    - moral judgments
    - moral facts
  - Case Studies
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**Information for Students**

- Expectations of Students
  - [Civility Statement](#)
  - [Student Responsibility Statement](#)
  - [Academic Integrity Statement](#)
- [Accessibility Services](#)  
Students who require accommodations to complete the requirements and expectations of this course because of a disability must make their accommodation requests to the Accessibility Services Coordinator.
- [Get Help: JCC & Community Resources](#)
- [Emergency Closing Procedures](#)
- Course grade is determined by the instructor based on a combination of factors, including but not limited to, homework, quizzes, exams, projects, and participation. Final course grade can be translated into a grade point value according to the following:

A=4.0	B+=3.5	B=3	C+=2.5	C=2	D+=1.5	D=1	F=0
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- Veterans and active duty military personnel with special circumstances (e.g., upcoming deployments, drill requirements, VA appointments) are welcome and encouraged to communicate these to the instructor.
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**Effective Date:** Fall 2023