

# PHIL 242C : Contemporary Ethical Issues

This course is a philosophical examination of major contemporary ethical issues. Topics may include biomedical ethics, business ethics, environmental ethics, human sexuality, and ethics related to life-and-death decisions. The emphasis is on acquiring the philosophical skills necessary to guide self and others in the process of ethical decision making. Cases are used for study and discussion. Available in honors format.

**Credits** 3

**Lab/Practicum/Clinical Hours** 0

**Lecture Hours** 3

## **Learning Outcomes**

- Explain the basic meaning of morality and the importance of moral reasoning in society.
- Identify, describe, and differentiate major ethical theories and moral philosophies.
- Demonstrate an understanding of the principles and functions of moral arguments, recognition of invalid arguments, and the benefits to be gained from respectful engagement of those with differing views.
- Apply ethical theories to contemporary issues on a social and personal level.