

Philosophy 216
Virtue Theory

TTh 305-420
Carr 103

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Reading schedule

- Aug 28 Introduction
- Aug 30 Foot, "Virtues and vices," in her *Virtues and Vices* (California, 1978)
- Sept 4 Hursthouse, *On Virtue Ethics* (Oxford, 1999), ch. 1
- Sept 6 Hursthouse, *On Virtue Ethics*, ch. 8
- Sept 11 Prichard, "Does moral philosophy rest on a mistake?" *Mind* (1912): 21-37
- Sept 13 Driver, "The virtues and human nature," in Crisp (ed.) *How should one live?* (Oxford, 1996)
- Sept 18 No new reading.
- Sept 20 Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, bk 2, chh. i-v
- Sept 25 Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, bk 2, chh. vi-ix
- Sept 27 Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, bk 3, chh. i-v
- Oct 2 Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, bk 3, chh. vi-xii
- Oct 4** No new reading.
First essay due.
- Oct 9 *No class. Fall break.*
- Oct 11 Pears, "Courage as a mean," in Rorty (ed.) *Essays on Aristotle's Ethics* (California, 1980)
- Oct 16 Wallace, *Virtues and Vices* (Cornell, 1978), ch 3
- Oct 18 Scarre, *On Courage* (Routledge, 2010), chh. 1-2
- Oct 23 Scarre, *On Courage*, chh. 3-4
- Oct 25 Scarre, *On Courage*, chh. 5-6
- Oct 30 Lear, *Radical Hope* (Harvard, 2006), part I
- Nov 1 Lear, *Radical Hope*, part II
- Nov 6 Lear, *Radical Hope*, part III
- Nov 8 No new reading.
- Nov 13** Urmson, "Saints and Heroes," in Melden (ed.) *Essays in Moral Philosophy* (University of Washington, 1958): 198-216.
Second essay due.
- Nov 15 Heyd, *Supererogation* (Cambridge, 1982), chh. 6-7
- Nov 20 Heyd, *Supererogation*, ch. 8
- Nov 22 *Thanksgiving.*

Nov 27 Kamm, "Supererogation and obligation," *Journal of Philosophy* (1985) 82(3):
118-38
Nov 29 Crisp, "Supererogation and virtue," *Oxford Studies in Normative Ethics* 3 (2014)
Dec 4 guest lecture
Dec 6 guest lecture

End of lectures.
Dec 11 Third essay due.

Texts

All readings except the Scarre and Lear books will be made available in Sakai. Please purchase a copy of Scarre and Lear.

Assignments

There will be three essays required in this course (2000 words each). Each essay will be worth 30 percent of the final grade. Participation in class is worth the final 10 percent.

Office hours

By appointment. Please e-mail me or arrange a meeting after class.

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