

Philosophy 196S
Virtue theory
Spring 2012

Thurs 2:50-5:20
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Reading

CS = Crisp and Slote (eds.) *Virtue Ethics* (1997)

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| Jan 12 | Introduction |
| Jan 19 | MacIntyre, "The Nature of the Virtues," from <i>After Virtue</i> (1981) [CS, ch. 6] |
| Jan 26 | Driver, "The Virtues and Human Nature" in Crisp (ed.) <i>How Should One Live?</i> |
| Feb 2 | Hursthouse, <i>On Virtue Ethics</i> , ch. 8 |
| Feb 9 | Annas, <i>Intelligent Virtue</i> , ch. 8 |
| Feb 16 | Annas, ch. 9 |
| Feb 23 | McDowell, "Virtue and Reason" [CS, ch. 7] |
| March 1 | Foot, "Virtue and Vices" [CS, ch. 8] |
| March 15 | Sreenivasan, "Disunity of Virtue," <i>Journal of Ethics</i> (2009) |
| March 22 | Slote, "Agent-based Virtue Ethics" [CS, ch. 12] |
| March 29 | Scarre, <i>On Courage</i> , chh. 1-2 |
| April 5 | <i>Class cancelled.</i> |
| April 12 | Scarre, <i>On Courage</i> , chh. 3-4 |
| April 19 | Scarre, <i>On Courage</i> , chh. 5-6 |

Assignments

Students enrolled in this course will have to write a term paper (10 pages). The following dates must be observed:

March 23: One page topic proposal, due by e-mail attachment.
April 13: Term paper, due by e-mail attachment.

There will be one opportunity to rewrite your term paper for a higher grade, on the basis of the comments supplied.

In addition, there will be a weekly 2 page assignment, due by 9 am on seminar day in Blackboard's digital dropbox. Topics for the assignments will be posted weekly. The assignments will be graded and returned with comments.

Grading

Fifty percent of a student's grade for the course will be the average of the 9 highest grades on the weekly assignments. Forty percent will be the term paper. Ten percent is reserved for participation.

Office hours

Tuesdays 2-3 and by appointment.

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