

Introduction to Ethics (PHIL 160) Section 16 (#5900) -- Fall 2009 -- California State University, Long Beach
 7:00-9:45 p.m. - Wednesdays -- LA5-246 – Julie Van Camp, Professor of Philosophy

Texts: *Both texts have been used many times on this campus, so you should have no problem finding used copies.*

Applying Ethics, 9th ed., Jeffrey Olen, Julie C. Van Camp, and Vincent Barry (Wadsworth, 2007)

Ethical Issues in the Courts, 2d ed., Julie C. Van Camp (Wadsworth, 2006)

Reading and class schedule Please come prepared to each class having read the reading listed for that day. Please bring your books to class, as we will often point out key passages in the text.	Activity points: Quizzes Total points available if you complete all quizzes: 15 See "Websites" on the Beachboard site for direct links to the quizzes on the Wadsworth web site	Activity points: Film Reports <i>Every student MUST complete at least three Film Reports of at least 500 words each to receive credit for the course.</i> Maximum points available: up to 3 points per report, up to 6 reports = 18 points total Each report must be on a different unit (abortion, euthanasia, etc.) (R) = on 3-hour reserve at the University Library-lower level
<u>Wednesday, September 2</u> Introduction to Philosophy and Ethics I. Ethical Theory: The Standards of Moral Right and Wrong Editor's Essay: Moral Reasoning (2-10) "Utilitarianism," J. S. Mill (40-45)	Beachboard Quiz on Plagiarism Policy Available 9/2-9/17 4 points available	Submit via Turnitin Assignments on Beachboard
<u>Wednesday, September 9</u> "Respect for Persons," Immanuel Kant (34-40) Fallacies in Reasoning (70-72) "How to Read a Court Decision," <i>Ethical Issues</i> (166)	Wadsworth Tutorial Quiz: Ch. 1 (<i>Applying Ethics</i>) 1 point if at least 50% correct Deadline: 9/15	Film report on "Abortion" <i>Cider House Rules (R), Vera Drake (R), If These Walls Could Talk I (R), Citizen Ruth (R), A Private Matter (R)</i> up to 3 points Deadline: 9/29
<u>Wednesday, September 16</u> Quiz (bring Scantron): 7:15-8:00 p.m. 8:15-9:45 p.m. II. Human Life: Beginnings and Endings A. Abortion* [attendance point 1] Editor's Essay (127-138) "An Almost Absolute Value in History," John T. Noonan (138-143)	Wadsworth Tutorial Quiz: Ch. 4-abortion (<i>Applying Ethics</i>) 1 point if at least 50% correct Deadline: 9/29	up to 3 points Deadline: 9/29

<p><u>Wednesday, September 23*</u> [attendance point 2] "A Defense of Abortion," Judith Jarvis Thomson (143-155) <i>Roe v. Wade, Ethical Issues</i> (1-3) <i>Planned Parenthood of Southeastern Pa. v. Casey, Ethical Issues</i> (3-6)</p>		
<p><u>Wednesday, September 30*</u> [attendance point 3]</p> <p>B. Euthanasia Editor's essay (178-192) "The Wrongfulness of Euthanasia," J. Gay Williams (192-196) <i>In the Matter of Quinlan, Ethical Issues</i> (9-12) "Active and Passive Euthanasia," James Rachels (196-200) <i>Cruzan v. Director, Missouri Department of Health, Ethical Issues</i> (12-14) <i>Bush v. Schiavo, Ethical Issues</i> (14-16) <i>Bouvia v. Glenchur, Ethical Issues</i> (17-19) <i>Washington v. Glucksberg, Ethical Issues</i> (19-21) <i>Vacco v. Quill, Ethical Issues</i> (21-22)</p>	<p>Wadsworth Tutorial Quiz: Ch. 5-euthanasia (<i>Applying Ethics</i>) 1 point if at least 50% correct Deadline: 10/6</p> <hr/> <p>Wadsworth Tutorial Quiz: Ch. 1 (<i>Ethical Issues</i>) 30 questions on abortion and euthanasia decision 2 points if at least 22 correct Deadline: 10/6</p>	<p>Film report on "Euthanasia"</p> <p><i>Million Dollar Baby (R), Last Wish (R), The Sea Inside (R), Whose Life Is It Anyway? (R)</i></p> <p>up to 3 points Deadline: 10/6</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, October 7*</u> [attendance point 4]</p> <p>C. Capital Punishment Editor's essay (293-303) "On Deterrence and the Death Penalty," Ernest van den Haag (312-321) "Speech in Favor of Capital Punishment," John Stuart Mill (303-308) "Capital Punishment and Social Defense," Hugo Adam Bedau (321-329)</p>	<p>Wadsworth Tutorial Quiz: Ch. 7-capital punishment (<i>Applying Ethics</i>) 1 point if at least 75% correct Deadline: 10/27</p>	<p>Film report on "Capital Punishment"</p> <p><i>Dead Man Walking (R), Green Mile (R), or The Life of David Gale (R)</i></p> <p>up to 3 points Deadline: 10/27</p>

<p><u>Wednesday, October 14*</u> [attendance point 5] <i>Furman v. Georgia, Ethical Issues</i> (141-143) <i>Gregg v. Georgia, Ethical Issues</i> (143-144) <i>Coker v. Georgia, Ethical Issues</i> (144-145) <i>McCleskey v. Kemp, Ethical Issues</i> (146-147) <i>Herrera v. Collins, Ethical Issues</i> (147-148) <i>Atkins v. Virginia, Ethical Issues</i> (148-50) Practice exam posted: please bring to class for mid-term review</p>	<p>Wadsworth Tutorial Quiz: Ch. 9 (<i>Ethical Issues</i>) 15 questions on capital punishment 1 point if at least 75% correct Deadline: 10/27</p>	
<p><u>Wednesday, October 21</u> NO CLASS: ASA NATIONAL MEETING</p>		
<p><u>Wednesday, October 28</u> Mid-term Exam (Units I and II) (bring Scantron) 7:15-9:15 p.m.</p>		
<p><u>Wednesday, November 4*</u> [attendance point 6] III. The Good Society A. Animal Rights and Environmental Ethics Editor's essay (452-464) "All Animals Are Equal," Peter Singer (464-476) "The Case for Animal Rights," Tom Regan (477-485) <i>Church of Lukumi Babalu Aye, Inc. v. City of Hialeah, Ethical Issues</i> (71-73) <i>Tennessee Valley Authority v. Hill, Ethical Issues</i> (66-68) "The Ethics of Respect for Nature," Paul W. Taylor (485-496) "People or Penguins," William F. Baxter (497-501) <i>Sierra Club v. Morton, Ethical Issues</i> (68-70)</p>	<p>Wadsworth Tutorial Quiz: Ch. 11- animals/environment (<i>Applying Ethics</i>) 1 point if at least 75% correct Deadline: 11/17</p> <p>Wadsworth Tutorial Quiz: Ch. 4 (<i>Ethical Issues</i>) 1 point if at least 75% correct Deadline: 11/17</p>	<p>Film report on "Environmental Ethics" <i>A Civil Action (R)</i>, <i>Erin Brockovich (R)</i>, <i>Fire Next Time (R)</i>, <i>Pelican Brief (R)</i>, <i>Silkwood (R)</i>, <i>China Syndrome</i></p> <p>up to 3 points Deadline: 11/17</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, November 11</u> NO CLASS: Veterans' Day: University closed</p>		

<p><u>Wednesday, November 18*</u> [attendance point 7] C. Discrimination Editor's essay (411-423) "A Defense of Programs of Preferential Treatment," Richard Wasserstrom (432-436) "Reverse Discrimination as Unjustified," Lisa Newton (442-446) <i>Regents of the University of California v. Bakke, Ethical Issues</i> (116-120) "Reverse Discrimination and Compensatory Justice," William T. Blackstone (436-441) <i>Grutter v. Bollinger, Ethical Issues</i> (121-124) <i>The Coalition v. Pete Wilson, Ethical Issues</i> (125-126)</p>	<p>Wadsworth Tutorial Quiz: Ch. 10-discrimination (<i>Applying Ethics</i>) 1 point if 75% correct Deadline: 12/1</p>	<p>Film report on "Discrimination" <i>Rosewood (R), Men of Honor (R), North Country (R), Separate but Equal, Mississippi Burning (R), A Soldier's Story (R), Tuskegee Airmen (R), Mr. and Mrs. Loving (R), Come See the Paradise</i> up to 3 points Deadline: 12/1</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, November 25</u> NO CLASS: THANKSGIVING</p>		
<p><u>Wednesday, December 2*</u> [attendance point 8] D. War, Terrorism, and Civil Liberties Editor's essay (334-343) "Violence, Terrorism, and Justice," R.G. Frey and Christopher W. Morris (343-349) "Make Torture an Option," Alan Dershowitz (349-350) "Torture and the Ticking Bomb," David Luban (351-353) "National Security State," David Cole (353-356) Review for Final Exam</p>	<p>Wadsworth Tutorial Quiz: Ch. 8-war (<i>Applying Ethics</i>) 1 point if 75% correct Deadline: 12/11</p>	<p>Film report on "Civil Liberties" <i>The Siege (R), Arlington Road (R)</i> up to 3 points Deadline: 12/11</p>
<p><u>Wednesday, December 9</u> NO CLASS: STATE BUDGET FURLOUGH DAY</p>		
<p><u>Wednesday, December 16</u> EXAM III (FINAL) (Units I and III): 7:15-9:15 p.m. (bring Scantron)</p>		

*Available for in-class lecture attendance points up to 8

(R): Films available on 3-hour reserve at the University Library-lower level. The Library has viewing equipment that can accommodate up to five viewers at a time. Many of these films are also available at public libraries, and virtually all are available through Netflix and Blockbuster mail-in, if you are a subscriber.

Instructions for taking and submitting the Wadsworth quizzes:

Go to our class Beachboard site under Websites and you will find a direct link to the on-line quizzes for both books.

Pick the Correct Chapter number/topic in the upper left

Select: "Tutorial quiz"

Use the "submit" function to send results to me at jvancamp@csulb.edu

Be sure to also include your own e-mail address so you get an e-mail receipt that proves you completed that quiz.

Your quiz will be acknowledged by e-mail within 24 hours by the instructor.

[PLEASE NOTE: If you send me a quiz on a campus shut-down or faculty furlough day, I am not permitted to use e-mail. You will receive your receipt the next day]

If you do not receive an acknowledgment, please contact the instructor by e-mail.

Instructions for film reports:

View the entire film, paying special attention to the philosophical issues and dilemmas in that unit of the course. Write a report discussing these issues as addressed in the film. Do *not* summarize the plot or the characters. Minimum 500 words. Reports should be submitted in word-processing files to the Beachboard Turnitin Dropbox for that unit under "Assignments". Use either Word, Wordperfect, or RTF (rich-text-format) to be accepted by Turnitin.

In order to receive credit for this course, every student must complete **three** of the "Film Reports." These are due at the deadlines noted above. Late assignments will be accepted for points *only* if you meet the University excused absence policy (see "Course Requirements and Grading"). If, at the end of the course, you have not completed the three required writing assignments, those may be turned in no later than the last day of class, but you will not receive any points toward your course grade for late reports. If you do not submit the writing assignments by December 11, your course grade will be an Incomplete; you will have one year to complete the writing; otherwise, after one year, it will convert to an F.

State budget campus shut-downs and mandatory furloughs

State budget campus shut-downs and mandatory unpaid faculty furlough days are listed here. The entire campus will be shut-down on the **STATE BUDGET CAMPUS CLOSURE DAYS**. In addition, each faculty member is required to designate six additional unpaid furlough days, when we are not permitted to be available for class, office hours, or e-mail. These will be different for each faculty member.

- Monday, August 24: State Budget Faculty Furlough Day
- Wednesday, August 26: State Budget Faculty Furlough Day
- Tuesday, September 8: **STATE BUDGET CAMPUS CLOSURE DAY**
- Friday, October 9: **STATE BUDGET CAMPUS CLOSURE DAY**
- Monday, October 12: State Budget Faculty Furlough Day
- Monday, November 2: **STATE BUDGET CAMPUS CLOSURE DAY**
- Tuesday, November 24: State Budget Faculty Furlough Day
- Wednesday, December 9: State Budget Faculty Furlough Day
- Friday, December 18: State Budget Faculty Furlough Day

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