MINNESOTA WEST COMMUNITY & TECHNICAL COLLEGE
COURSE OUTLINE

Faculty are required to have the outline submitted to the Academic Affairs Office. The course outline is the form used for approval of new courses by the Collegewide Curriculum Committee.

DEPT. Philosophy COURSE NO. 2201

NUMBER OF CREDITS: 1

COURSE TITLE: Introduction to Ethics

CATALOG DESCRIPTION Studies classical and contemporary ethical theories. The main purpose is to critically examine the various approaches to moral conduct through the reading of primary sources and class discussion. Required to taking any ethics course (2202, 2203, 2204, 2223).

AUDIENCE: Students interested in learning about different ethical theories will appreciate this class.

FULFILLS MN TRANSFER CURRICULUM AREA(S) (Leave blank if not applicable)
Area: 6 by meeting the following competencies: a,b,c,e
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PREREQUISITES OR NECESSARY ENTRY SKILLS/KNOWLEDGE:

LENGTH OF COURSE 7 Weeks

THIS COURSE IS USUALLY OFFERED:
Every other year ☐ fall XX spring XX summer ☐ undetermined ☐

Four goals are emphasized in course at Minnesota West Community & Technical College:

1) ACADEMIC CONTENT: The academic objectives of the class are to help the student:
   a. Understand what morality is
   b. Know how ethics differs from aesthetics, unmoral behavior, and manners
   c. Be able to distinguish between morality and law
   d. Examine different moral theories

2) THINKING SKILLS: This course will help students improve the effectiveness of their thinking skills through:
   a. Comparing moral theories
   b. Discussing moral judgment
   c. Applying their knowledge to contemporary moral dilemmas
   d. Analyzing the justifications they offer for their decisions
3) COMMUNICATIONS SKILLS: This course will help students improve their oral and written communication skills through:
   a. Using essay exams, papers and case studies
   b. Having class discussions

4) HUMAN DIVERSITY: This course will help students recognize, understand, and appreciate human diversity through:
   a. Examining moral issues from more than one perspective
   b. Hearing, seeing and reading a number of different perspectives on contemporary moral issues.


LIST OF EXPECTED COURSE OUTCOMES: The student should be able to: a. distinguish between the various ethical theories and the theories understanding of a given ethical situation, b. the student should be able to understand the different ethical theories that have influenced her/him life.

LEARNING/TEACHING TECHNIQUES used in the course are:
X X Collaborative Learning   XX Problem Solving
☐ Student Presentations   XX Interactive Lectures
☐ Creative Projects   ☐ Individual Coaching
XX Lecture   XX Films/Videos/Slides
☐ Demonstrations   ☐ Other (describe below)
☐ Lab

ASSIGNMENTS AND ASSESSMENTS FOR THIS CLASS INCLUDE:
XX Reading   ☐ Tests    XX Individual Projects
☐ Oral Presentations   ☐ Worksheets   ☐ Collaborative Projects
XX Textbook Problems   ☐ Papers   XX Portfolio
XX Group Problems   ☐ Term Paper
☐ Other (describe below)

EXPECTED STUDENT LEARNING OUTCOMES: The student should be able to: a. distinguish between the various ethical theories and the theories understanding of a given ethical situation, b. understand the different ethical theories that have influenced her/him, c. appreciate ones actions have ethical consequences that influence themselves but every one around them.

The information in this course outline is subject to revision

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conflict with scheduled course requirements. Instructors will make every effort to work with the student to identify adjusted timelines. If you are a veteran, please contact the Minnesota West Veterans Service Office.

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