Philosophical Ethics

UCOR 151-02, Fall 2017

Tuesdays and Thursdays 10:50–12:05

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- In this course, we will critically examine the ethical philosophies of Socrates, Plato, Aristotle, Epictetus, Marcus Aurelius, Kant, Schopenhauer, the Dalai Lama, and other thinkers from the perspective of wellbeing as contentment, flourishing, and happiness.
- We will look at ethics as applied philosophy, or what could be called, “Clinical Philosophy.”
- In so doing, we will be returning to an Ancient Greco–Roman view of philosophy as a kind of “therapy” for the psyche or soul. Thus, we will look at various ethical philosophies as schools of therapy to be applied to contemporary psychological and socio-cultural problems.
- We will reflect upon various ways of living a life of virtue (excellence) that can lead to wellbeing.
- Through this course, my intent is not only for each student to be able to articulate the important ethical ideas associated with each philosopher, but to learn ways of living that can help each student live a life predicated upon wellbeing, so that he/she has tools that will assist him/her in responding to life’s challenges.

Required Texts:


