

- *Participation*: In addition to the three kinds of written assignments, you are expected to show up on time to class and actively participate in class activities and discussion (during the lecture sessions), and the same goes for your discussion sections.

Your grade will be calculated as follows:

- 24% from *theory write-ups* (8% each)
- 40% from *paper* (15% for first stage, 25% for second stage)
- 24% for *final exam*
- 12% for *participation*

Course Policies:

Technology use: No laptop or cell phone use will be permitted during lecture sessions (on pain of having your participation grade lowered), except during designated breaks. Nearly all of the readings will be available in the course reader or in the required texts; the other readings should be downloaded and printed before class. (Exceptions will be made when possible when there is an accommodation request processed through the OAE – see below.)

Academic Integrity: You are expected to adhere to the standards for academic integrity found here: <https://communitystandards.stanford.edu/student-conduct-process/honor-code-and-fundamental-standard>.

Students with Documented Disabilities: Students who may need an academic accommodation based on the impact of a disability must initiate the request with the Office of Accessible Education (OAE). Professional staff will evaluate the request with required documentation, recommend reasonable accommodations, and prepare an Accommodation Letter for faculty dated in the current quarter in which the request is being made. Students should contact the OAE as soon as possible since timely notice is needed to coordinate accommodations. The OAE is located at 563 Salvatierra Walk (phone: 723-1066, URL: <http://oea.stanford.edu>).

Texts:

You are required to purchase the course reader (CR), available at the bookstore. In addition, you must purchase the following two texts (other required readings will be available online):

- Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics* (ISBN: 978 0872204645)
- Kant, *Groundwork for the Metaphysics of Morals* (ISBN: 978 1107401068)

Course Schedule:

Complete the readings prior to class, and note that this schedule is subject to change.

Week 1:

- Jan. 5 *Introduction to moral theorizing*
Readings: print, read, and bring syllabus, along with CR
Assignment: none
- Jan. 7 *Utilitarianism I*
Readings: Jeremy Bentham, *Principles of Morals and Legislation*, selection (CR)
Assignment: none

Week 2:

- Jan. 12 *Utilitarianism II*
 Readings: Robert Nozick, “The Experience Machine” (CR)
 Derek Parfit, “What Makes Someone’s Life Go Best?” (CR)
 Assignment: none
- Jan. 14 *Utilitarianism III*
 Readings: J. S. Mill, *Utilitarianism*, pp. 183-189 (CR)
 Assignment: none

Week 3:

- Jan. 19 *Utilitarianism IV*
 Readings: J. S. Mill, *Utilitarianism*, pp. 189-196 (CR)
 Peter Singer, “Ethics Across the Species Boundary” (CR)
 Assignment: none
- Jan. 21 *Utilitarianism V*
 Readings: John Rawls, “Classical Utilitarianism” (CR)
 Robert Nozick, “Side Constraints” (CR)
 Assignment: First theory write-up **due Friday Jan. 22**

Week 4:

- Jan. 26 *Utilitarianism VI*
 Readings: J. J. C. Smart, “Extreme and Restricted Utilitarianism” (on Canvas)
 Assignment: none
- Jan. 28 *Kantianism I*
 Readings: Immanuel Kant, *Groundwork*, pp. 9-19 (stop at top of p. 19)
 Assignment: none

Week 5:

- Feb. 2 *Kantianism II*
 Readings: Thomas Nagel, “Moral Luck” (CR)
 Claire Creffield, [“Parenthood, the Great Moral Gamble”](#) (online)
 Assignment: none
- Feb. 4 *Kantianism II continued and Paper Workshop*
 Readings: no new readings
 Assignment: First stage of paper **due Friday Feb. 5**

Week 6:

- Feb. 9 *Kantianism III*
 Readings: Kant, *Groundwork*, pp. 28-37 (end with first paragraph of 4:425)
 Christine Korsgaard, “Kant’s Formula of Universal Law” (CR)
 Assignment: none
- Feb. 11 *Kantianism IV*
 Readings: Kant, *Groundwork*, pp. 40-47 (end with the first full paragraph of 4:435)
 Assignment: none

Week 7:

- Feb. 16 Kantianism V
Readings: J. David Velleman, “Love as a Moral Emotion” (selections, in CR)
Assignment: none
- Feb. 18 Kantianism VI
Readings: Onora O’Neill, “Between Consenting Adults” (CR)
Tom Dougherty, “Sex, Lies, and Consent” (CR)
Assignment: Second theory write-up **due Friday Feb. 19**

Week 8:

- Feb. 23 Virtue Ethics I
Readings: Susan Wolf “Moral Saints” (on Canvas)
Assignment: none
- Feb. 25 Virtue Ethics II
Readings: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, pp. 1-18
Assignment: none

Week 9:

- Mar. 1 Virtue Ethics III
Readings: Aristotle, *Nicomachean Ethics*, pp. 18-49
Philippa Foot, “Virtues and Vices” (CR)
Assignment: Second stage of paper **due Wednesday Mar. 2**
- Mar. 3 Virtue Ethics IV
Readings: Lisa Tessman, *Burdened Virtues* (Ch. 5, on Canvas)
Assignment: none

Week 10:

- Mar. 8 Virtue Ethics V
Readings: Gary Watson, “Responsibility and the Limits of Evil” (CR)
Assignment: Third theory write-up, **due Wednesday Mar. 9**
- Mar. 10 Course Conclusion
Readings: no new readings
Assignment: prepare for final exam, **held on TBD (during exam week)**