PHILOSOPHY 341: CONTEMPORARY MORAL ISSUES



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SYLLABUS

The quizzes will cover all readings and videos.

Date	Торіс	Tasks (to be performed in the given order)
Mo 22 May	Introduction to the course &	1. Study "Course documents"
2	Introduction to ethics	2. Watch video lecture "Introduction to the course"
		3. Watch video lecture "Introduction to ethics"
		Part I: ABORTION
Tu 23 May	Introduction to abortion	1. Study Readings 1 (Feinberg, Roe v. Wade, Singer)
		2. Watch video lecture "Introduction to abortion"
		3. Watch video "The silent scream"
		4. Study "Response to 'The silent scream"
		5. Take Quiz 1 (between 6am and 11pm)
We 24 May	Arguments against abortion	1. Study Readings 2 (Bringsjord, Boonin, Norcross)
5		2. Watch video lecture "Arguments against abortion"
		3. Take Quiz 2 (between 6am and 11pm)
Th 25 May	Arguments in favor of	1. Study Readings 3 (Thomson, Boonin)
·	abortion	2. Watch video lecture "Arguments in favor of abortion"
		3. Take Quiz 3 (between 6am and 11pm)
	Pa	rt II: THE DEATH PENALTY
Tu 30 May	Introduction to the death	1. Study Readings 4 (Bedau)
	penalty	2. Watch video lecture "Introduction to the death penalty"
		3. Watch video "Dead man walking"
		4. Take Quiz 4 (between 6am and 11pm)
We 31 May	The death penalty:	1. Study Readings 5 (Turow, Cassell)
5	Consequentialist arguments	2. Watch video lecture "The death penalty: Consequentialist arguments"
		3. Take Quiz 5 (between 6am and 11pm)
Th 1 June	Administrative objections to	1. Study Readings 6 (Bright, Cassell, Grann)
	the death penalty	2. Watch video lecture "Administrative objections to the death penalty"
	1 2	3. Take Quiz 6 (between 6am and 11pm)
Mo 5 June	The death penalty:	1. Study Readings 7 (Reiman)
	Nonconsequentialist	2. Watch video lecture "The death penalty: Nonconsequentialist arguments"
	arguments	3. Study "Handouts on the term paper"
		4. Watch video lecture "Instructions for the term paper"
		5. Take Quiz 7 (between 6am and 11pm)
		Part III: TERRORISM
Tu 6 June	Introduction to terrorism	1. Study Readings 8 (Kinzer)
		2. Watch video lecture "Introduction to terrorism"
		3. Watch video "Our own private Bin Laden"
		4. Take Quiz 8 (between 6am and 11pm)
We 7 June	The motives of the 9/11	1. Study Readings 9 (Kinzer, Perkins)
	attackers	2. Watch video lecture "The motives of the 9/11 attackers"
		3. Watch video "Why we fight"
		4. Take Quiz 9 (between 6am and 11pm)
Th 8 June	The sources of US foreign	1. Study Readings 10 (Chomsky, Sardar & Davies, Shalom)
	policy	2. Watch video lecture "The sources of US foreign policy"
		3. Watch video "The trials of Henry Kissinger"
		4. Watch video "The Pentagon papers"
		5. Take Quiz 10 (between 6am and 11pm)

Mo 12 June	Why do people hate the US?	 Study Readings 11 (Kapitan, George, Chomsky) Watch video "Noam Chomsky: Power and terror" Watch video lecture "Why do people hate the US?" Watch video "Manufacturing consent" Take Quiz 11 (between 6am and 11pm)
Tu 13 June	What can be done?	 Study Readings 12 (De Mesquita & Smith) Watch video lecture "What can be done?" Watch video "9/11 Mysteries—Part 1: Demolitions" Take Quiz 12 (between 6am and 11pm)
We 14 June	The demolition theory	 1. Study Readings 13 (Blanchard, Griffin) 2. Watch video "9/11—The myth and the reality" 3. Watch video lecture "The demolition theory" 4. Take Quiz 13 (between 6am and 11pm)
Th 15 June	Lessons from the course	 Watch video lecture "Lessons from the course" Submit term paper (between 6am and 11pm) Submit course evaluation form (before midnight)