

TENTATIVE SYLLABUS

Date	Topic	Readings (to be done <i>before</i> class)
Mo 12 June	Introduction to the course	—
Part I: THE OBJECTIVITY OF ETHICS		
Tu 13 June	Disagreement in ethics, math, and science	Coursepack pp. 1-11 (1. Brink; 2. Kuhn)
We 14 June	Justification in science and in ethics	Coursepack pp. 12-26 (1. Chalmers; 2. Kagan)
Th 15 June	Two kinds of relativism	Coursepack pp. 27-36 (Cook pp. 13-31)
Fr 16 June	Against relativism / How to write a paper	Coursepack pp. 37-54 (1. Cook pp. 32-48; 2. Vranas)
Part II: THEORIES OF VALUE		
Mo 19 June	Hedonism	Coursepack pp. 55-61 (Luper)
Tu 20 June	Mental state theories	Coursepack pp. 62-68 (Kagan)
We 21 June	Desire satisfaction and objective theories	Coursepack pp. 69-79 (Brink)
Th 22 June	Good worlds	Coursepack pp. 80-89 (Kagan)
Part III: THEORIES OF OBLIGATION		
Fr 23 June	Deontic propositions	Coursepack pp. 90-98 (Vranas)
Mo 26 June	Consequentialism	Coursepack pp. 99-110 (Kagan)
Tu 27 June	Deontology	Coursepack pp. 111-120 (Darwall)
We 28 June	Virtue theory	Coursepack pp. 121-130 (Hursthouse)
Part IV: MORAL DILEMMAS		
Th 29 June	Defining moral dilemmas	Coursepack pp. 131-140 (Sinnott-Armstrong)
Fr 30 June	In favor of moral dilemmas	Coursepack pp. 141-146 (McConnell)
Mo 3 July	Against moral dilemmas	Coursepack pp. 147-154 (Brink) — Term paper due
We 5 July	Ought implies can	Coursepack pp. 155-168 (Vranas)
Th 6 July	Lessons from the course	—

All required readings are in a coursepack available at the University bookstore.
The main handouts are on my website (<http://www.public.iastate.edu/~vranas/Homesite/index.htm>).