



PHILOSOPHY

PHIL 232. INTRODUCTION TO METAPHYSICS AND HUMAN VALUES.

This course serves as an introductory survey of metaphysics, with an emphasis on contemporary analytic readings and topics. It explores the theories of Ethics on Reasoning, Relativism, Egoism, Utilitarianism and Kant's Moral Theory.

Broadly construed, metaphysics concerns the most general questions one can ask about the world and our place in it. Other Challenging issues will be discussed and debated such Euthanasia, Abortion, Sexual Morality, Pornography, Equality and Discrimination, Economic Justice and Corruption, Legal punishment, Environmental Ethics, Stem Cell Research, Cloning, and Genetic Engineering, Violence Terrorism and War.

In debating these theories and issues students will better understand the ethics of life in general and make better decisions based on theoretical knowledge of Ethics. As this is an introductory seminar, prior familiarity with metaphysical concepts is not necessary.

Prerequisite: English 111
3 credits

