I. IDENTIFYING INFORMATION
Course: PHL 518
Course Title: Professional Ethics
EPN: 22262027
Term: Spring I
Location: Flint Center
Course Dates: 1/10, 1/11, 2/7, 2/8/2014
Course Days and Times: Fri 6:00PM-10:00PM; Sat 8:00AM-5:00PM;
Prerequisites: Junior status or permission of instructor.

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Academic Biography:
T.A. Edwards, Ph.D., Philosophy (University of Wisconsin-Madison)

Areas of Specialization: Social/Political Philosophy and Philosophy of Law

Areas of Competency: Ethics (Normative and Applied), Symbolic Logic, Race and Gender

II. TEXTBOOKS AND INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS
Order books from MBS at http://bookstore.mbsdirect.net/cmuh.htm

Textbooks and Course Materials:
Title: N/A
Author: N/A
Edition: N/A
ISBN: N/A
Publisher: N/A
Required: N/A
Course Reserves:
N/A

Required Materials:
Computer and Printer Access; Assigned Online Readings Listed on the Syllabus.

Recommended Materials:
Although not required, you may wish to purchase used the following reference texts from Amazon.com: a. The Vocabulary of Critical Thinking, By Phil Washburn; and b. A Preface to Philosophy, By Mark B. Woodhouse.

III. COURSE DESCRIPTION
An examination of theories and methods used in ethical decision-making, with application to common issues in law, journalism, technology, research, education, and the health professions.

IV. COURSE GOALS AND OBJECTIVES
Students will be expected to:

1. Refine analytic and critical skills needed for ethical decision making;
2. Identify and discuss basic ethical terminology;
3. Define and give examples of the theories of ethical decision-making: consequentialism, deontology, and virtue ethics.
4. Recognize ethical issues arising in their respective professions;
5. Discuss specific ethical issues as they apply to their professions;
6. Apply ethical theories and techniques to the specific ethical issues in their professions.

V. METHODOLOGY
Primarily seminar including Socratic method and lecture.

VI. COURSE OUTLINE/ASSIGNMENTS

Pre-Class Assignment:
Read the assigned material before coming to class.

Course Outline:
See "Assignments and Due Dates"

Assignment Due Dates:

8. Schedule of Readings, Quizzes, and Oral Presentations
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Have All Readings Completed Before Class

A. WEEK 1 (Jan 10 & 11) Ethical Theory (Attendance Required & Part of Grade)

Fri 1 (4 Hrs) Introduction: Ethical Theory and Ethical Decision Making

Theory: Crito (Example of Ethics as Rational and Argument as Logical)

Theory: Speluncean Explorers (Example of Diversity of Theory)

Critical Thinking: Informal Fallacies
Sat AM 1 (4 Hrs)
Theory: Arguments for and Against Ethical Relativism (Lecture)
Critical Thinking: Distinguishing Argumentative Papers, Position Papers, and Essays

Sat PM 1 (4 Hrs) Quiz #1; Topics Distributed & Assigned
Theory: Deontology (McCord on Kant’s *Groundwork*) and Utilitarianism (J.S. Mill, *On Liberty*)
Critical Thinking: The Parts of a Legal Case

B. In Between Weeks 1 & 2 Applying Theory 1 of 2

**Online CMU Blackboard Discussion on Friday, January 31st, from 6:00-7:55 P.M.**

Please feel free to ask questions about below reading assignments 1 through 4 via e-mail any time until Friday, January 31st at 5:30 P.M. (Quiz #2 will be based, in part, on these four readings.) After that time and date, I will not answer individual questions about these four readings; however, I will be available online to the entire class as follows:

2. (From 6:30-6:55 P.M.) Casias and Wal-Mart (2012)
3. (From 7:00-7:25 P.M.) BP Oil Spill Settlement (2013)
4. (From 7:30-7:55 P.M.) Floyd et al. v. New York City et al. (2013)

Online Quiz #2 (Available at 8:00 A.M. and Due by 8:00 P.M. on Saturday, February 1st)

C. WEEK 2 (Feb 7 & 8) Applying Theory 2 of 2 (Attendance Required & Part of Grade)

Fri 3 (4 Hrs)
Case Studies: The Issue of Personal Ethics and Professional Ethics
1. Whistleblower or Traitor: The Case of Edward Snowden
2. Religious Symbolism and Work: The Case of Hani Khan and Abercrombie & Fitch
3. Pharmacists and Conscientious Objection: The Case of Neil Noeson and Refusal to Fill Rx

Sat AM 3 (4 Hrs)
Film TBA and Large Group Discussion

Quiz #3; Stamped, Self-Address 8.5 x 11 Envelope (for Return of Quiz #3 and Term Paper)
Sat PM 3 (4 Hrs) Student Presentations; Hard Copy of Term Papers Due

Post-Class Assignment:
Not Applicable

Student Involvement Hours:
See Reading List for Estimated Length and Difficulty of each reading assignment.

VII. CRITERIA FOR EVALUATION

Evaluation Criteria:

Assignments
10% Attendance “All or Nothing (Without Exception)”
You must be physically present for the entire class sessions on Jan 10 & 11 (5%) and Feb 7 & 8 (5%).

40% 3 Quizzes at Each 20% (Best two out of three are counted toward the final grade)
Due to the accelerated nature of this course, without exception there are no make-up Quizzes.
However, the lowest of three quizzes will be automatically dropped. If you miss a Quiz, then the other two are required to count towards your final grade regardless of your performance on them.

Quizzes are Open Note and Open Book

10% 7 to 10 Minute Oral Presentation and 5 Minute Discussion Sat, Feb 8th
The Oral Presentation will be on the same topic as your Term Paper.
Due to the accelerated nature of this course, without exception there are no make-up Oral Presentations

40% Term Paper (Undergraduate 5 to 7 Pages) (Graduate 8 to 12 Pages)
Double Spaced, 12 Point Font Arial or Calibri, Normal Margins, Stapled, Paginated
A Hard Copy of your Paper is Due In Class on Sat, Feb 8th.

Grading Scale:

Late Assignments:
Not applicable.

Make-ups and Rewrites:
There are no make-up Quizzes as the lowest Quiz for each student is automatically "thrown out."

There is no make-up Presentations since Presentations are on the last day of class.

VIII. EXPECTATIONS

Attendance and Participation:

10% Attendance “All or Nothing (Without Exception)”: You must be physically present for the entire class sessions on Jan 10 & 11 (5%) and Feb 7 & 8 (5%).

Since the course is primarily in seminar format, active participation is expected.

Academic Integrity:

Because academic integrity is a cornerstone of the University's commitment to the principles of free inquiry, students are responsible for learning and upholding professional standards of research, writing, assessment, and ethics in their areas of study. Written or other work which students submit must be the product of their own efforts and must be consistent with
appropriate standards of professional ethics. Academic dishonesty, which includes cheating, plagiarism and other forms of dishonest or unethical behavior, is prohibited. A breakdown of behaviors that constitute academic dishonesty is presented in the CMU Bulletin (https://bulletins.cmich.edu/).

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IX. SUPPORT SERVICES AND OTHER REQUIREMENTS

**Global Campus Library Services (GCLS)**

CMU offers you a full suite of library services through its Global Campus Library Services (GCLS) department. Reference librarians will assist you in using research tools and locating information related to your research topic. The library's Documents on Demand office will help you obtain copies of the books and journal articles you need. Check out the GCLS website at http://gcls.cmich.edu for more information.

**Reference librarian contact information:**
1. By phone: (800) 544-1452.
2. By email: oclsrref@cmich.edu
3. By online form: http://www.cmich.edu/library/gcls/Pages/Ask-a-Librarian-Request-Form.aspx

**Documents on Demand office contact information:**
1. By phone: (800) 274-3838
2. By email: docreq@cmich.edu
3. By fax: (877) 329-6257
4. By online form: http://www.cmich.edu/library/gcls/Pages/Documents-on-Demand.aspx

**Writing Center**

The CMU Writing Center is a free online service for all CMU students, providing help with grammar, citations, bibliographies, drafts, and editing of academic papers. Suggestions and feedback are typically provided within two business days. For additional information and to submit work, visit http://webs.cmich.edu/writingcenter/

**Mathematics Assistance Center**

The CMU Mathematics Assistance Center provides free tutoring in mathematics and statistics to students enrolled in select courses. Tutoring is available online and via telephone. To see what courses qualify and to register with the Math Assistance Center, visit http://global.cmich.edu/mathcenter/tutoring-request.aspx.

**ADA**

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Note to faculty: CMU Administration will notify you if applicable; otherwise, the student will provide a "Notification Letter to the Instructor” outlining the accommodations the student is approved to receive.
X. BIBLIOGRAPHY
REQUIRED READINGS (Revised List: Updated URLs)

(Arranged by Order in which Due)

Crito (Plato) (Medium Length, Easy Language, Easy to Comprehend)
http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/1657

The Case of the Speluncean Explorers (Lon Fuller) (Long, Easy Language, Difficult Concepts)

A Defense of Ethical Relativism (Ruth Benedict) (Long) (Not Difficult & Not Required)
(Will be placed on Blackboard, date TBA.)

Groundwork (Immanuel Kant) Summary by Geoff Sayer-McCord (Short, Difficult)
http://www.unc.edu/~gsmunc/phil22/Kantsum.pdf

On Liberty (John Stuart Mill) Chapters 1 and 2 (Long, Easy to Comprehend, Archaic Language)
http://www.gutenberg.org/ebooks/34901

Citizens United (Read the Facts of the Case and the Holding/Ruling)
http://www.law.cornell.edu/supct/cert/08-205

Casias v. Wal-Mart (Read Facts and Holding/Ruling)
http://caselaw.findlaw.com/us-6th-circuit/1612751.html

BP Oil Spill Settlement (Short and Easy)
http://www.deepwaterhorizonsettlements.com/

Floyd et al. v. New York City et al. (Read Facts and Holding/Ruling)
http://ccrjustice.org/floyd

Whistleblower or Traitor: The Case of Edward Snowden (Read Both Articles, Medium, Easy)
http://www.washingtonpost.com/opinions/richard-cohen-edward-snowden-is-no-traitor/2013/10/21/f9d2ae5a-3a74-11e3-a94f-b58017bfee6c_story.html
(This article can also be found using google.com by searching “Washington post Richard cohen snowden is no traitor.”)

Religious Symbolism and Work: The Case of Hani Khan and Abercrombie and Fitch (Easy)

Pharmacists and Conscientious Objection: The Case of Neil Noeson and Refusal to Fill Rx
Santa Clara U on Pharmacists and Refusal to Fill Prescriptions (With Accompanying Podcast)
http://www.scu.edu/ethics/practicing/focusareas/medical/conscientious-refusals.html
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Office Hours: Monday-Friday – 9 a.m. – 6 p.m.
Extended Day: Varies by term 9 a.m. - 7 p.m.

*We sometimes close for meetings, so please contact the center before visiting.